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Portfolio There is £4,000 to be won in The Times daily Portfolio competition today, because Saturday's £2,000 prize was not won. The weekly prize of £20,000 was not won either, so next Saturday that prize will total £40,000. Portfolio list, page 14; rules and how to play, information service, back page.

Mitterrand to reinforce Caledonia France is to reinforce its military base in New Caledonia to safeguard its strategic presence in the South Pacific. President Mitterrand announced in Paris on his return from a 12-hour visit to the troubled islands. An extraordinary session of Parliament will be convened to extend the state of emergency declared on January 12. Mitterrand happy, page 5. Leading article, page 11.

Dunlop pressure Sir Michael Edwards, chairman of Dunlop, is being pressured by small shareholders to relinquish permanently rights to a £4 million share option. Page 13.

Drugs initiative The Home Office is considering sending a drugs investigator to South America as part of an initiative to combat the cocaine trade into Britain. Page 3.

Liverpool chaos The City of Liverpool could face public services chaos because of plans to increase spending for next year without setting a new rate. Page 2.

NHS protest Health authority chairmen have protested about pressure from ministers for the appointment of outside businessmen as NHS general managers. Page 2.

Minority radio Community radio stations are to be given licences for minority interest programmes as part of a new tier of radio broadcasting. Page 3.

Times guide All you need to know about those Strasbourg goings-on is contained in the guide to the European Parliament, out today. Page 4.

Piggott's last Lester Piggott, champion jockey 11 times is to retire at the end of the 1985 Flat season. Michael Seely, page 18.

Cricket unrest England beat India by three wickets in a one-day match in Bangalore held up for 20 minutes by crowd disturbances. John Woodcock, page 16.

Leader page, 11. Letters: On VAT, from Mr C. Gregory, MP, and Others; of young workers, from Dr A. Dickson, and Mr P. M. K. Papworth. Leading articles: The Geneva process; New Caledonia; Pointing case. Features, pages 8-10.

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Pit strike 'talks about talks' likely this week

There is "every prospect" of talks about talks with the coal board this week, Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the Mineworkers' union, told Yorkshire miners. Mr Neil Kinnock warned left-wing Labour rebels seeking a Commons debate on the pit strike they deserved suspension if they refused to play by the rules.

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor The peace process in the pit strike is expected to get under way over the next few days as the conflict over colliery closures goes into its forty-sixth week. Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, told a meeting of striking miners last night in South Elmsall, in the heart of the militant Yorkshire coalfield, that there was every prospect of informal talks with the National Coal Board during the week. It is likely that the contacts will be talks about talks and that they will take place before the NUM national executive meets in Sheffield on Thursday to determine its next step. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Mineworkers, confirmed in a television interview yesterday that the union is ready for talks at any time, and he hinted that the board might find the miners more flexible. "This union is perfectly willing to have negotiations and we are not arguing that there should be preconditions or a set agenda", he said on BBC television's This Week. Next Week. Some coalfield leaders in the dominant centre-left coalition on the executive are arguing privately that the NUM may have to make some move towards the coal board's position of insisting on discussing the economic basis for pit closures in order to restart the peace process. The three-month gap in negotiations is blamed for the loss of morale that has sent nearly 6,000 strikers back to their jobs since January 1, and certain key figures in the union leadership who decline to state their views publicly feel that the miners will have to make some concessions, but only when talks are under way. Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the board, rested last night the board's insistence that the NUM must make the first move, and signal its readiness to concede on pit closures. "Before we begin discussions it has to be clearly understood by the NUM that on any agenda would be the economics of colliery closures." TUC leaders are also seeking to bring the warring parties back to negotiations. The trade union movement's seven-man team charged with monitoring the progress of the dispute has been called into session today and will meet soon after union leaders have had talks with the Shadow Cabinet under the auspices of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee. The "seven wise men" will then report to the TUC's finance and general purposes committee, from which any initiative in the strike will emerge later in the day. The board expects another 2,000 to 3,000 men to abandon the strike this week, lifting the proportion of NUM members at work above 40 per cent. The NUM general secretary, however, said: "The overwhelming majority of miners are still on strike and even if there is further erosion based on the past six weeks' figures, in six weeks' time the vast majority of the miners will still be on strike." The Government also intensified the pressure on the miners. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said that even if the cold weather continued until April there would be no power cuts shortages. He told his Worcester constituents that miners must insist that "the absolute demand of Mr Scargill that every pit, no matter how uneconomic, must be kept going until the last tonne of coal is exhausted is dropped".

Kinnock warns left MPs on disruption BR warning to unions over jobs

By Our Political Correspondent Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday stepped up his onslaught against Labour's left-wing rebels with a denunciation of their parliamentary disruption and a warning that if they refused to play by the rules, they deserved to be suspended. As the internal party controversy descended to the level of personal and political abuse, Conservatives remained silent on the sidelines, enjoying the spectacle, but Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, joined in with a condemnation of Labour's irrepressible drift into "a form of loony left anarchy". Mr Kinnock's helplessness to deal with the hard core of rebels and his need to reassure the public left him with little alternative but to side with the Speaker at the start of a week which threatens further disruption as the left continue to press its demands for a Commons debate on the miners' strike. The Labour leader said in an interview on London Weekend Television's Weekend World that he hoped the Speaker would be "judicious" and that he would not overreact against the protesters. But he then added: "They understand exactly what the situation is. Whatever form of corporate activity you engage in, whether it is playing rugby football, or soccer or cricket, or being an MP... you understand that there has to be a certain degree of collective discipline, founded on self-discipline in order to enable the business to proceed, otherwise you shouldn't be in the place itself." His attack on the "self-indulgent" and "luxurious antics" of the left was based on the argument that it had obscured Continued on back page, col 2

34 killed in Sri Lanka train attack

Colombo - Rescue teams yesterday recovered 34 bodies from the wreckage of a Sri Lankan express train blown up by Tamil rebels the night before, the Ministry of Defence announced (Donovan Moldrich writes). The ministry said 23 soldiers were killed in the explosion at Murugandy, 56 miles south of the northern capital of Jaffna. The Jaffna-Colombo express was believed to be carrying about 200 troops going home on leave from the troubled north. The other 11 victims were Tamil civilians, the ministry said. The ministry said landmines on the track exploded under the first three carriages, carrying mostly troops. As the coaches caught fire rebels in the surrounding jungle opened fire. Soldiers on the train fired back, killing at least three rebels, the ministry said.

Healey sheds light on British missiles in Salt I

By Anthony Bevin Political Correspondent Mr Denis Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said yesterday that the Americans had agreed to count the British and French nuclear deterrent systems into the Salt I treaty of 1972, and he believed that they would have to do the same again in the forthcoming disarmament talks in Geneva. A senior source in the Heath administration said that it was nonsense to suggest that the British Polaris force had been covered by Salt I treaty, although no direct reference was made to British and French weapons. The total number of western weapons was adjusted to take account of British and French weapons.



Mr Reagan and Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, after they had been sworn in yesterday

Reagan sets off on second term

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington President Reagan officially began his second four-year term yesterday after a private swearing-in ceremony at the White House. Watched by members of his family, a few friends and several close aides, but in full view of millions of television viewers, the President, aged 73, placed his hand on his mother's Bible as Chief Justice Warren Burger administered the 35-word oath that has been repeated by all American presidents since George Washington took office in 1789. Mr George Bush was also sworn in as Vice-President for a second term. Both men will repeat the performance today on the steps of the Capitol before a crowd of 140,000 invited guests and again under the eyes of millions of television viewers. There are two swearing-in ceremonies whenever January 20, the inauguration date, falls on a Sunday. However, this is the first time both are being televised live. The President and Mr Bush earlier attended a prayer service at which Dr Billy Graham called for a return to traditional values and spirituality. Later, Mr Reagan went on live television again to flip a coin as part of the ceremony opening the Super Bowl football game in Palo Alto, California, between the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers. The presidential oath of office, prescribed in article Two of the Constitution, is: "I (Ronald Reagan) do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." While near-arctic conditions prevailed outside, yesterday's swearing-in, took place in the comfort and warmth of the White House's Grand Foyer. At today's ceremony, however, the guests, spectators and participants will have to brave below-freezing temperatures inaugurations past and present. Page 10

Arrests in Delhi spy case rise to 24

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi The spy ring being uncovered in Delhi is proving to be the biggest in India since independence. The Press Trust of India reported last night that 12 personal assistants, eight top officials and four businessmen have been arrested and re-detained for 10 days. Six other highly placed officials have been detained for questioning. Diana Geddes reports from Paris that the Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that Colonel Alain Bolley, its deputy military attaché in Delhi had been recalled "for consultations", but declined to make any comment on whether espionage charges were involved. Colonel Bolley interviewed on French television, denied any involvement in the spy scandal. While admitting that "a French diplomat" had been cited by the Indian Government in the affair, he insisted that "neither my name nor my post has been called into question". Commenting on Indian allegations linking the American intelligence services to the affair, he said he considered it "impossible that a French officer should be working for the CIA". Colonel Bolley was said to have been involved in the negotiations for the purchase by the Indian Air Force of the Mirage 2000, for which delivery has been delayed. His tour of duty in India was due to end this summer. The espionage network is alleged to have involved civil servants in key positions throughout many of the most sensitive areas of government. Those arrested have included Mr T N Kher, personal assistant to the Prime Minister's principal secretary, together with two of his assistants. Mr Kher's chief, Dr P C Alexander, one of the closest advisers of the Prime Minister's mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi, has resigned. He said at the weekend that he had done so "as I thought it was my moral duty in the best interests of public life". Two businessmen have also been arrested. According to the Indian papers the spy ring operated by passing on photocopies of sensitive government documents to businessmen who forwarded them to their foreign contacts. The documents included many relating to arms purchases especially the working papers of a light combat project, a main battle tank and electronic counter measures. Also included were minutes of cabinet meetings on Assam and Punjab. Two newspapers reported that a French diplomat was identified by arrested officials "as their link with the CIA". Neither paper named the man, but they reported that he had been picked up at his house on Saturday and put aboard a special flight out of the country.

Schools chief offered £1/4m to go

By David Walker Social Policy Correspondent A local authority director of education said to be alienated by his attitude towards teachers' strikes and multi-ethnic education, is being offered up to £250,000 by his Labour-controlled council to resign. A majority of Labour councillors on Newham Borough Council in London's East End have voted that Mr James Palling be asked to leave with compensation "as generous as can be legally justified". It is understood they will pay up to £250,000 compensation, based on remaining years of service multiplied by his annual salary of £25,000. A motion passed at a closed meeting last week said that they had "generally lost confidence" in him. The case of Mr Palling, who is determined to stay in his post, has been taken up by the Society of Education Officers, which sees the move as an attempt to "politicize" local authority officials. Mr Fred Dance, chairman of Newham's education committee, said yesterday that the council's official spokesman would make a statement today. Disagreement with councillors has dogged Mr Palling's six years in office. Newham has seen its school rolls fall dramatically, but Mr Palling's prescription of closures and the amalgamation of sixth forms into tertiary colleges has been rejected by councillors who wanted no schools to shut. Recently, Mr Palling wanted to deduct hours last through unofficial strike action from salaries of teachers belonging to the National Union of Teachers, but he was overruled. Education magazine this weekend quoted a councillor as saying that Mr Palling's proposed dismissal had little to do with left and right divides. "It's simply that we want someone who will more energetically pursue anti-racist and equal opportunities policies."

Economics adviser Balogh dies

Lord Balogh, the Hungarian-born economist who was economic adviser to the then Mr Harold Wilson and the Labour Governments of the 1960s, died yesterday at his Hampstead home, aged 79. He had never fully recovered from a heart attack and stroke suffered over a year ago. Sir Robert Fraser, who created the Independent Television network, died yesterday aged 80, at his London home. Obituary, page 12

Bid for 'Observer' may follow Australians to buy 'Spectator'

By Robin Young The Spectator, the 156-year-old weekly once owned by Sir Ian Gilmour and edited by the late Ian Mactoad and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, is being sold to one of Australia's biggest media groups, John Fairfax and Sons, publisher of the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age of Melbourne. The move has excited speculation that Fairfax may soon bid to buy The Observer. The present owner of The Spectator, the oilman, Mr Algy Cluff, expects to clinch its sale this week during a journey to Peking. Conditions of the deal are that Mr Cluff will continue as chairman and that the magazine's tradition of intellectual right-of-centre writing will be maintained. The editor, Mr Charles Moore, has been assured that his position is secure, and that the sale will make possible new efforts to promote the magazine, which at present has a circulation of 21,000 and losses probably in excess of £200,000 a year. For Fairfax, the longest established and one of the wealthiest Australian media groups, The Spectator represents a small first investment in Britain. Like many press groups Fairfax, which acquired one of Australia's most profitable papers when buying The Age in 1983, benefited handsomely from the sale of the Reuters press agency. It could certainly afford to buy The Observer, Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper, where Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland of Lornio, is expected to be a willing seller after four less than satisfactory years as proprietor. In Australia, Fairfax has a reputation for an old-fashioned gentleness in its agreement not to interfere in the editorial policy of its acquisitions. It has on occasion been heavily the loser in competition with more aggressive entrepreneurs, as when it competed with Mr Rupert Murdoch for ownership of the Melbourne Herald, and was left holding severely depreciated shares when Mr Murdoch withdrew his bid, having sold his shares at a substantial profit.

Soviet air traveller's tale of woe

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet airline Aeroflot had its slogan "speed and comfort" thrown in its face yesterday in the Communist Party daily Pravda. Its correspondent, Mr Yuri Kirinitsyanov, told how his flight from Aktyubinsk, in south-east Russia, to Moscow turned into a travellers' nightmare of negligence, delays and bad service. His satirical article said passengers were stranded at a provincial airport because it lacked the necessary equipment, while the airline authorities neglected them and blamed everything on the weather. The trouble began when the flight was diverted to Ulyanovsk by a snowstorm in Moscow. After several false starts and further delays, the passengers were forced to spend the night on chairs. They were given no food.

Advertisement for Thistle Hotels featuring a car and the text 'Do you have the key?'. Includes details about prizes and hotel locations.

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Community radio stations to provide service for minority interest groups

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Home Office will make an announcement paving the way for a new tier of radio stations before the end of the month that will legalize community radio stations and at the same time replace the pirate radio stations.

The GLC money will go towards building basic studios and also to finance the planning of the stations. But it will not pay for the transmitters. The GLC hopes that the community radio stations will become financially independent.

Ms Shirley Linden, the head of the GLC's arts and media policy group, said that the council would take no role in the running of the stations, but hopes that there could be changes in the regulatory rules surrounding radio which would enable the new community stations to become a cross between the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

She said: "It would be a responsible public action to start for an experimental period these community radio stations. We are looking at a regulatory system which could be introduced to choose between people competing for the licence. We will give them money to build studios but we cannot give them money to broadcast."

Britain may fight cocaine 'at source'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The posting of a British drugs investigator to South America to monitor the cocaine trade and its links with Britain is being considered by the Home Office as one of several possible initiatives to combat drug abuse.

Cocaine first began to appear as a leading drug of abuse in the 1970s. It was highly priced and most often found in rock music or show business circles. In the 1980s it has found a wider consumer market.

The move to second a senior police or Customs officer to one of the countries at the centre of cocaine production is at a very early stage, but Mr David Mellor, the Home Office minister chairing the ministerial committee on drug problems, is understood to have looked at the idea.

A police officer is working in Amsterdam, regarded as Europe's great illegal drugs entrepot, and a Customs officer has been stationed in Pakistan for some time to liaise on the halting of heroin exports.

The Home Office is aware of the rise in the use of cocaine in the United States in recent years and officials discussed the problem late last year with the head of the Drug Enforcement Agency, which leads the American fight against drug abuse.

Early intelligence would allow police and Customs investigators in this country to roll up distribution networks from the top down rather than from the street-dealing level.

A British investigator would be based in Bolivia Peru or Columbia, which are the main producers of the coca leaf. The Americans already have a large commitment in the region and

The task-force concept would mean not only trying to reduce street dealing, but bringing resources to bear on addicts through clinics and social services, most likely within inner city areas.

Ponting jury vetting begins today

By Our Crime Reporter

Special Branch officers will today begin vetting potential jurors for the trial of Clive Ponting. The Ministry of Defence official accused of passing information on the sinking of the General Belgrano to an MP.

The vetting of jurors is the first step in a process which may mean that part of the case is heard in camera, as is usual in cases of national security.

Mr Tim Dwyell, Labour MP for Lillingthorpe, yesterday questioned the decision to vet the jury.

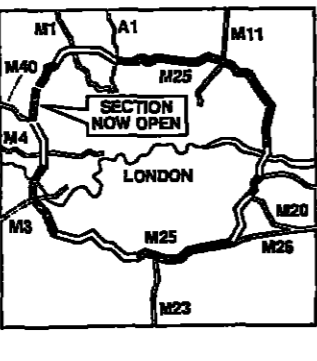
He said that when Mr Ponting appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court last autumn the Crown said that the case did not involve national security.

In the last week there have been two meetings in chambers before Mr Justice McCowan, the trial judge, and news of the vetting came after the second meeting on Saturday.

Banks set to agree watchdog

By Philip Robinson

Britain's 38 million bank account holders are set to be given their own independent watchdog, the Committee of London Clearing Bankers confirmed yesterday.



M25 orbital link opened

By Our Transport Editor

A key link in the western section of London's M25 orbital motorway was opened to traffic yesterday at the junction with the M40 motorway to Oxford.

Built at a cost of more than £40 million, it consists mainly of a new interchange between the two motorways and nearly six miles of dual three-lane road running northwards from Denham towards Rickmansworth and St Albans.

TV-am job for Dimbleby

Jonathan Dimbleby, the radio and television personality, is to present TV-am's Good Morning Britain show on Sundays from February 10.

Factory jobs go

The GKN pistons factory at King's Lynn, Norfolk, is to close in the spring, with the loss of 143 jobs.



Breaking the ice: Mario McLaren testing the water (it was 33° F) in the ritual swim in the Serpentine (Photograph: Tom Stoddart)

Chinese 'isolated by language'

By Richard Evans

A grim picture of life in Britain for the 100,000-strong Chinese community, confronted by a barrage of day-to-day difficulties, is disclosed in a Commons report to be published this week.

In some cases parents who speak only Cantonese are unable to communicate with their British-born children, who speak only English.

The MPs' report, which comes after a year-long inquiry, is expected to urge central and local government to take steps to prevent the disadvantages suffered by first-generation Chinese in Britain from being perpetuated.

The combination of failing to cope with the English language, ignorance of British society and laws, cultural differences and unsocial working hours, almost invariably in the catering trade, is proving a huge barrier to their successful integration, MPs say.

The report, by a home affairs select sub-committee, says that the problems are compounded by the traditional reluctance of Chinese people to complain or to seek outside help.

The main recommendations are expected to include more language teaching, especially in schools, extra interpreting facilities, special community centres on at least a regional basis and more Cantonese-speaking family doctors.

Airlines 'threatened Laker rescue plan'

By David Nicholson-Lord

A group of European airlines, including British Caledonian and Britannia Airways, threatened to sever their business links with McDonnell Douglas and General Electric if the American companies went ahead with their planned rescue of Laker Airways.

Mr Derek Davidson, managing director of Britannia, said: "The serious implications of your action on our and your future business."

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Kedleston Hall denial

By John Young

The National Trust has denied a report that it was planning to "rescue" Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, from being sold to an unnamed foreign buyer.

The idea of forming a consortium to acquire the house, the furniture and paintings and the 6,000-acre estate had not been ruled out. "But we are not going to deviate from our basic principle, which is that we must have an endowment to pay for the upkeep of any property we accept," an official said.

Cot deaths report rules out infanticide

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Evidence refuting claims that many cot deaths are due to parents deliberately or accidentally smothering their children is to be published this week, after a Department of Health-commissioned study of sudden infant deaths.

The report, the result of three years' work covering 988 baby deaths under the age of two years in eight centres, shows that in nine cases only was the death due to infanticide; in another 15 there was an unproven suspicion that parents were responsible.

The report also shows that as many as 300 baby deaths a year could be prevented by better training of parents and doctors, and that too often family doctors failed to notice children were seriously ill.

The training of family doctors also needs improving. In many cases where parents suspected illness it was found that the family doctor failed to treat the child adequately.

Computer shops criticized by guide

One in four homes in Britain has a computer, the highest proportion in the world, yet shops selling a comprehensive stock of software hardly exist, even in London, the Consumers' Association said today.

About 3,000 programs have been published for the Spectrum home computer, but even the largest store will have only 100 shelves no more than 100 programs. Most shops will stock only the dozen best sellers, John Walker writes in *The Which? Software Guide* published today.

"Other problems buyers of software face are that shops in general do not demonstrate software and most of it is bought unseen. The purchaser has, therefore, to take a great deal on trust and too often that trust is abused."

The guide assesses more than 1,000 programs available for Britain's best selling home computers. *The Which? Software Guide* (The Consumers' Association and Hodder and Stoughton, £7.95).

Woman, 91, in gas blast

Mrs Mary Morpeth, aged 91, the former headmistress of St Mary's Primary School, Bicester, Oxfordshire, received minor injuries yesterday when an explosion wrecked her home in Blake Road, Bicester, as she tried to light the gas stove.

The explosion blew out doors and windows in the home, smashed furniture and crockery, and caused severe structural damage. Mrs Morpeth was found standing dazed at the stove holding the charred remains of a packet of buns.

Payroll charge

A man aged 30 and believed to be a serving soldier has been arrested and charged in connection with the deaths of two soldiers and a retired army major during a payroll robbery near Edinburgh, on Thursday. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

MP issues writ

Sir Frederic Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay, has issued a High Court writ claiming libel damages over a *Private Eye* article about his career and his appointment as a privy councillor in the New Year Honours.

Sinclair rift

Lady Sinclair, wife of the computer and electronics businessman, Sir Clive Sinclair, is petitioning the London Divorce Court to end their 22-year marriage.

Warrant out for arrest of man owing £140m

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Rajendra Sethia, aged 38, of Dowgate, London, north-west London, who was declared bankrupt at a private hearing at London Bankruptcy Court on Friday with debts of £140 million.

Sethia, who had the summons served on him in Spain, failed to contact Mr Michael Pugh, the Assistant Official Receiver, and all attempts to get him to come back to Britain have failed.

Exchange plan opposition

A £20 million plan to redevelop the Royal Exchange, a grade I listed building in the City of London, has run into opposition from conservationists who say the scheme would radically alter its character.

Save Britain's Heritage has written to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and to Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, saying that the proposals by Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance, must be rejected or be the subject of a public inquiry.

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US delivers two rebuffs to Nicaragua and sends envoy on secret mission

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's National Security Adviser, returned here at the weekend after a secret whirlwind visit to five Central American countries which have close ties with the United States.

The purpose of his trip, which was only announced after his return to Washington, was to clear up confusion over the direction of US policy in the region, and in particular to reassure the five nations that the Administration was not softening its position on Nicaragua.

The countries visited by Mr McFarlane were Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. His journey appeared to be timed to coincide with two important US announcements aimed at Nicaragua.

On Friday the US said it would boycott further sessions of the International Court of Justice in The Hague, where Nicaragua has brought a complaint against the US over its support for anti-Sandinista Contra rebels.

The US also announced it was suspending the seven-month old talks between Mr Harry Shlaudeman, President Reagan's special envoy dealing with Central America, and Señor Victor Timoco, Nicaragua's Deputy Foreign Minister.

The talks will be in abeyance while the US assesses whether the Sandinista government is, in its view, co-operating in the

Contadora regional peace process.

The talks, together with the Administration's decision to put Central America on the "back burner" while it concentrates on arms-control talks with the Soviet Union, had raised fears among pro-Western Central American leaders that a shift in US policy was under way, and that they were not being fully consulted.

Mr McFarlane's visit, together with the decision to boycott the World Court hearings on Nicaragua and to suspend talks with Managua should go a long way towards alleviating these concerns.

MANAGUA: Washington's suspension of talks was greeted in Managua with surprise and consternation (Alan Tomlinson writes).

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said it was "sudden and unjustified", coming only days before envoys from the two countries were to meet for the tenth time at the Mexican port of Manzanillo.

President Ortega said: "The situation is now much more grave. If the United States has closed the means of negotiation, what remains? The military way, greater confrontation, even direct intervention."

On Washington's World Court boycott, the Foreign Minister, Señor Miguel Díaz Cotto, said he wished conduct between nations to return to "the law of the jungle". The American action was a direct threat to the

world's systems for maintaining peace and international security.

"We cannot fail to draw attention to the coincidence of these lamentable decisions with other factors which are being used lately to make the efforts of the Contadora group more difficult, such as pressure exercised by the United States over Costa Rica and Honduras so that those countries do not participate in the meeting called by Contadora on February 14 and 15."

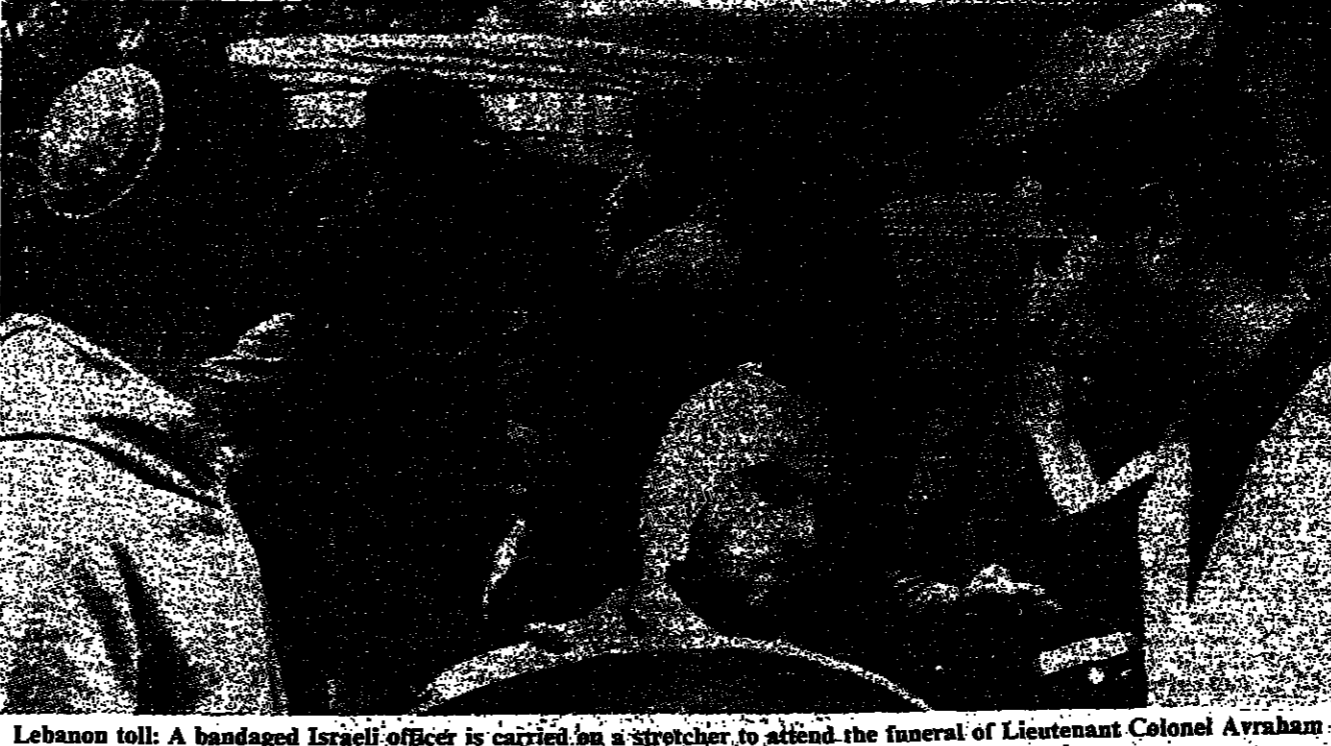
Costa Rica has declined to attend the meeting because of an incident at its embassy in Managua last month. A Nicaraguan draft evader who had sought asylum was wounded as security forces arrested him while he was apparently attempting to leave the embassy in his girlfriend's car.

At a subsequent press conference the young man said he regretted his decision to seek asylum and was prepared to do military service.

However, Costa Rica was not satisfied and has demanded the youth's return to its embassy. Honduras says it will stay away from the Contadora meeting unless Costa Rica is appeased.

A diplomatic source said next month's meeting was to have been a crucial test.

There was broad agreement in the region that, while Contadora may not have achieved peace, "it is the only thing standing in the way of outright war", the source said.



Lebanon toll: A bandaged Israeli officer is carried on a stretcher to attend the funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Avraham Elran, who was killed with two other soldiers in a guerrilla attack last week.

UN to play role in Lebanon pull-out

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Formal diplomatic steps are expected this week to enable the United Nations to play a role in monitoring, if not policing, the sector of southern Lebanon due to be evacuated by Israeli troops on February 18.

A senior UN source said here last night that there was now "a likelihood" that the Lebanese Government will ask for some kind of additional UN involvement when the stalled talks between Lebanon and Israel resume tomorrow at Naqoura, the south Lebanon headquarters of the UN peace-keeping force.

The UN role could take the form of the dispatch of the UN observer force into the evacuated zone, rather than the transfer there of troops from Unifil, the UN interim force in Lebanon.

According to the source, a favourable reaction to a Lebanese proposition was likely from the Security Council. Tact Syrian, and therefore also Syria's approval could be assumed for any request put forward by the Beirut Government, known to be heavily influenced from Damascus.

UN officials in Jerusalem evinced cautious optimism that the cumbersome machinery of the Security Council could be swung into motion in order to change the present UN mandate before the Israeli deadline expires.

Later today Mr Brian Urquhart, Deputy Secretary General, is due to fly to London to report on the recent UN initiative in Jerusalem, Damascus and Beirut to Señor Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary General.

Last night Mr Urquhart said some positive elements had emerged from his shuttle mission.

Mr Urquhart added: "If, as I hope, there are positive developments on Tuesday, then the Lebanese Government will have to put the proposal for whatever it is it wants from the UN to the Security Council. But I think that if one positive step can be taken it encourages the next step to be positive."

Reagan briefs his arms negotiators

Washington (Reuter) - President Reagan will meet the three newly-named members of his arms control negotiating team tomorrow, a White House official said.

Mr Reagan on Friday named a Washington attorney, Mr Max Kampelman, former Texas Senator and John Tower and a career State Department official, Mr Maynard Giltman to head the delegation that will continue talks with the Soviet Union on arms limitation.

Others attending the White House meeting on the first working day of Mr Reagan's second term will include Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Vice-President George Bush and the National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane.

Mr Reagan's key negotiators are:

- Max Kampelman: Aged 64, a prominent Washington attorney and US New York City, headed the US delegation to the Madrid conference on European security under President Carter and was kept on in that job by President Reagan.

In a brief statement he promised to work with energy in "the pursuit of peace, understanding and international stability."

In addition to being chief negotiator, Mr Kampelman will discuss the Reagan Strategic Defence Initiative, or "Star Wars" proposals.

- Maynard Giltman: Aged 51, currently US representative to what the West calls the Mutual Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR), talks in Vienna.

He was born in Chicago and is a career foreign service officer, serving in Canada, the Bahamas and France. He is currently US permanent representative to Nato.

Mr Giltman will have the task of dealing chiefly with intermediate range nuclear forces (INF) in Europe.

- John Tower: A veteran Republican senator from Texas aged 59, he did not run for reelection last year. He served as chairman of the powerful Senate armed services committee.

Reagan's men: Mr Kampelman, left and Mr Tower

'March for life' raises clinic alert

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Three men were under arrest yesterday on charges of bombing abortion clinics in the United States. Clinics all over the country have been destroyed by bombs and fire, and doctors and nurses intimidated, in a growing campaign by anti-abortion groups.

The most arrested on Saturday in Maryland, were charged with bombing seven clinics in the Washington area. They were also charged with bombing the American Civil Liberties Union office in Washington. Police said these attacks were not connected with clinic bombings in other parts of the country.

Clinic staff are bracing themselves for trouble tomorrow, the twelfth anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalizing of abortion. The anniversary was marked by rallies at the weekend, and anti-abortionists are staging a "march for life" in Washington tomorrow.

Last year 24 clinics were wrecked or damaged by bombs or arson, and clinic staff and patients have received death threats and been harassed.

One of the country's largest clinics, in Brockton, Massachusetts, said at the weekend that it would perform no more abortions. "We do not make this decision of our own free will," the staff said in a statement. "Terrorism round the country and constant harassment of our patients and ourselves has forced us to make it."

More than 100 women were evacuated from a Manhattan clinic on Saturday after a bomb threat. Some were still dazed by anaesthetics.

Gromyko depresses Hart hopes

Moscow (Reuter) - Senator Gary Hart said yesterday that his talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, and other Kremlin officials had revealed no sign of any new initiative from Moscow for the forthcoming United States-Soviet arms negotiations.

"I didn't sense any willingness either to restate a dramatic initiative that they had raised before or to come up with any new one," Mr Hart told a news conference at the end of a four-day visit.

He said he told Mr Gromyko a unilateral moratorium was needed for a limited period by one of the superpowers on testing or deployment of new weapons, and the other power would be expected to follow suit.

He was disappointed by Mr Gromyko's apparent dismissal of the idea, saying Moscow's past offers of some form of mutual moratorium had been ignored.

- BONN: The American commander of Nato forces in Europe, General Bernard Rogers, was quoted yesterday as saying he would like to meet the Soviet commander of Warsaw Pact forces, Marshal Viktor Kulikov (Reuter reports).

Pérez de Cuellar tries to avert Cyprus failure

From Zoriana Fysariwsky, New York

Hopes for a successful conclusion of the Cyprus summit here receded yesterday as the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities met for the expected final day of discussion.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, who had seen President Kyprianou of Cyprus and Mr Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, through three days of talks, postponed for half a day his scheduled departure for London in order to try to help find a basis for an agreement.

But it appeared, as the summit meeting neared conclusion, that the two sides had failed to provide even the first soundings for a potential compromise. With the Greek Cypriot side insisting on renegotiating nearly all the points in the draft agreement presented by the Secretary-General and the Turkish Cypriots adamantly opposed to any changes, it seemed that all along the two sides has been working at cross purposes.

Diplomatic observers close to the talks believe that, at best, the Secretary-General could work out a face saving formula.

There would be a great deal of surprise, indeed, if in the last minute the Secretary-General managed to secure agreement from both sides to a framework for comprehensive peace settlement.

But although diplomats close to the talks like to see the Turkish Cypriots make more concessions, the onus has always been on the Greek Cypriots since Mr Denktaş accepted the Secretary-General's peace plan in its entirety in November.

Opposition snubs Zia poll

Islamabad (Reuter) - Pakistan's main opposition alliance decided to boycott general elections on February 25 which President Zia ul-Haq has barred political parties from contesting.

Mr Qasim called on General Zia to lift a ban on political parties.

The convener of the 11-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), Mr Malik Mohammad Qasim, said General Zia had not created a proper atmosphere for elections and they were meant to perpetuate his military rule.

Directors of Carbide sued over Bhopal

New York (Reuter) - Eighteen board members of Union Carbide are being personally sued for breach of their duties to prevent the accidental discharge of lethal gas at Bhopal last month.

The action was brought in Manhattan by the Northchester Corporation of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, owner of an undisclosed amount of common stock of Union Carbide. It claimed that as a result of the Bhopal catastrophe the value of the company's common stock had declined by \$960.6 million (about £370 million).

The board members were alleged to have breached their duties by failing to install a computerized early warning system at Bhopal and failing to heed a 1982 survey that disclosed a serious potential for release of toxic substances.

Gas explosions kill eight

Worceren, Netherlands (AP, Reuter) - A Moroccan family of four were killed in a gas explosion that destroyed six houses in this central Dutch town just before dawn. Seven other homes were seriously damaged.

In Harover, a five-year-old girl and an elderly woman were killed and at least two people were missing, believed dead, after a gas explosion destroyed a two-family house.

Britons to face drugs charges

Boston (Reuter) - Six British seamen, arrested 11 November when their ship, the Ramsland, was seized, will go on trial here on February 6 on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute it.

They are Andrew George Mallon, 30, the ship's captain, and his brother, Gary Mallon, 19; Kevin Tai, 20; Wesley Simmonds, 20; Barry Cogan, 23; and John Harrison, 45. All are from Kent except Harrison, who is from the Canary Islands.

Driver accused

Athens - A man said to have turned himself over to the police has been charged with the manslaughter of two British girls killed by a hit-and-run driver here on Friday.

Belushi charge

Los Angeles (AFP) - Cathy Smith, 37, the actress who has starred in television's "The United States" from Canada to face charges of having killed the comedian John Belushi with an injection of heroin and cocaine in March 1982, court officials said here.

Polo first

Lagos (Reuter) - The public execution of a Nigerian armed robber was postponed so that it would not interfere with a polo match, the News Agency of Nigeria reported. Thousands who turned out in Ibadan soon after dawn to watch the firing squad were told the execution would be today instead.

Prices raised sharply as Hungary cuts subsidies

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungary announced heavy price rises over the weekend on food, transport and home heating as part of a drive to remove subsidies and conserve energy.

The official news agency MTI said milk was going up by 27 per cent, while sugar, cocoa and tinned vegetables would increase by some 15 per cent.

Household fuel oil is 30 per cent higher in price and electricity 18 per cent. Tram and underground tube fares in Budapest, heavily subsidized, are doubled. Postal charges rise by 85 per cent and tickets for cinemas and theatres go up 15 per cent.

The price rises are certain to meet criticism from those Communist Party members who are already concerned about inflation and growing differences in living standards.

Average monthly wage income is now 5,000 forints (€85). "The limit of tolerance is reached with these increases," one Hungarian source commented.

But the authorities are determined to remove subsidies, as part of their reform policy of making prices, or the market place, more important in the economy.

The price rises take from today and will save the government 10 billion forints (€16 million) from this year's subsidies bill, previously put at 55 billion forints.

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From Diana Geddes, Paris

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Mitterrand happy with Caledonia gamble

From Diana Geddes Paris

President Mitterrand returned to Paris yesterday seemingly well-pleased with his politically high-risk visit to New Caledonia, despite having been greeted in Noumea, the capital, by nearly 30,000 hostile demonstrators.

Nothing spectacular was achieved by the 12-hour visit. No minds seemed to have been changed. But at least, as Mitterrand himself put it, "the dialogue, which looked as if it had been broken, has been resumed". He had hoped for no more.

In addition, the fact that he actually went in person to New Caledonia at the height of the Pacific territory's worst crisis since being taken over by the French in 1853 was appreciated both by the leaders of all the territory's main political parties and by a majority of the general public in France.

While Mitterrand made it clear that he strongly supports the broad outline of the plan for the future of the territory put forward by M Edgard Pisani, the Government's special envoy to New Caledonia, calling for independence coupled with continued close association with France, he indicated that the plan could be modified.

"Proposals have been made. They mark out the objectives to be reached, and certain ways in which to achieve them." The President said in a statement issued in Noumea on Saturday at the end of his visit. "(But) at any moment they can be debated and discussed. There can never be too many ideas... (the Disani) proposals have the merit of existing, of



Personal touch: M Mitterrand meeting islanders on the eastern coast of New Caledonia on Saturday during his 12-hour visit to the Pacific territory

being coherent, and of searching to reconcile in a reasonable way the interests of the communities on the islands and of France."

Mitterrand added: "I have seen the work of the Government's special envoy, and I am going back to Paris with the belief that the tools for success are in good hands... the main direction has been set out. A timetable has been fixed. Things should not take longer than is reasonable."

Mitterrand made it clear that he still expects the referendum on the territory's future

to be held in July, despite the recent troubles.

While half the predominantly white inhabitants of Noumea took to the streets to demand the right to remain French, Mitterrand was ennobled in the town's heavily-protected French High Commission, where he had talks with each of the main political groups and leaders in turn.

Mr Dick Ukeive, Kanak president of the staunchly pro-French territorial government of New Caledonia, said he was pleased by the attention M

Mitterrand had paid to his arguments, but deeply regretted that he had seen fit to hold face-to-face talks with M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, leader of the rebel "provisional government" of the Kanak separatists.

Mr Tjibaou for his part described his talks with Mitterrand as "useful", and said he felt that the French President understood the difficulties of finding a solution which would satisfy the Kanak people's desire for independence and dignity.

Mr Tjibaou is due to come to Paris on Wednesday for a previously-planned visit to explain the Kanak separatists' position. He is at present in Australia for talks with the Australian Government, which he hopes to reassure about what might happen should the strategically important islands off Australia's eastern coast become independent.

Nkomo calls off another rally after violence

From Jan Raath, Chimoyo, northern Zimbabwe

Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of Zimbabwe's main opposition party, Zapu, yesterday morning had to give up his second attempt at a nation-wide election campaign tour.

Hours before he was due at a rally in this small farming town, 72 miles north of Harare, violence broke out after three consecutive days of anti-Nkomo demonstrations.

Five people were injured before police stopped the fighting. Among the mob of about 5,000 supporters of the ruling Zanu (PF) party were men, women and children carrying clubs, hoes, axes, hosepipes, spears and bicycle spokes.

The Nkomo tour had been stopped about halfway to Chimoyo by his security officers. On their advice, he turned back to Harare. He said the Government had organized it.

At the town of Banket, 10 miles from Chimoyo, a mob of about 500 waited for Mr Nkomo. They slowed down traffic, peering through windows, evidently looking for Mr Nkomo. Two vehicles were stoned before the mob, consisting mostly of children, was dispersed.

Demonstrations have occurred in the past week in eight towns in areas outside Matabeleland, Mr Nkomo's stronghold. The situation may well force him to give up campaigning outside the west of the country.

Jackson barred by worried Pretoria

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South Africa's decision to refuse entry to the Rev Jesse Jackson, the black American civil rights activist, appears to reflect its growing concern over the disinvestment movement in the United States and the mounting anti-South African campaign outside its embassy in Washington.

Senator Edward Kennedy signalled during his tour of South Africa which ended a week ago that he intends to make disinvestment a major issue in Congress, to try to force the Reagan Administration into demanding far more positive action towards apartheid reform in return for its policy of "constructive engagement".

A visit by Mr Jackson would attract the same high media attention as Senator Kennedy's and the South African Government has apparently decided that for the time being enough is enough.

In a letter to Mr Jackson, Mr Brand Fourie, the South African Ambassador in Washington, said the period he had requested the visa for - next month - "was not opportune" for a visit by Mr Jackson "in the light of prevailing circumstances".

Mr Jackson was originally granted a visa to visit South Africa between January 4-12. He turned it down and asked for it to be reissued to allow him to come early in February to attend the installation of Bishop Desmond Tutu as the first black

South African. Mr Jackson was in Washington to lead a march against President Reagan's policies on the eve of his inauguration.



Mr Jackson: 'I will keep on appealing for justice'

Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg.

It is understood that neither he nor Senator Kennedy wanted to visit South Africa simultaneously because they would stifle each other's publicity.

The left-wing Amanzim People's Organization, which demonstrated against the senator throughout his tour and forced him to cancel his final rally in Soweto, has warned of the same treatment for Mr Jackson if he used his visit for any purpose other than to attend the bishop's installation.

WASHINGTON: Mr Jackson described South Africa's refusal as unfair and an example of a double standard (Reuter reports).

"I will keep on applying," he said. "I will keep on appealing for justice."

Madrid's caution on Nato withdrawal

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain would manifest an "historic sense of irresponsibility" by leaving the Nato alliance just when the country joins the European Community, Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister, declared in an interview here yesterday.

There would be "enormous costs" for Spain and other European countries as a result of a withdrawal from the alliance, the minister told *El País*, the independent Madrid daily.

Greece and Denmark, he said, in a contribution to Spain's Nato debate, might take similar steps if Madrid withdrew from the alliance after the



Señor Serra: Adverse economic consequences

promised referendum before February, 1986.

For Spain itself the cost of withdrawal related not solely to defence, for Nato membership was linked, in the view of Señor Serra, with Spain's "irrevocable decision" to take its place in Europe and that decision represented the cornerstone of Spanish democracy.

Withdrawal might also have adverse economic consequences, Spanish industry might lose access to advanced technology which had not only military but commercial applications yet had to be classified because of the defence aspect.

Señor Serra's remarks are the second favouring continuing membership of the alliance heard by Spaniards in a fortnight. Earlier this week King Juan Carlos told the country's armed forces that for Spain to stand in isolation, so far as defence was concerned, would mean "the equivalent of collective suicide".

Both statements come after last month's Socialist Party conference from which Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, wrung an approval of continuing membership.

Señor Serra's arguments will probably figure prominently in the Government campaign in the run-up to the referendum.

King helps ski rescuers as children die

Madrid - Five young Spanish skiers and their instructor were killed on Saturday by an avalanche on the same slopes where King Juan Carlos was skiing in the Pyrenean resort of Candanchú (Richard Wigg writes).

The king's security staff helped recover the bodies of five boys and a girl, aged between 11 and 15.

King Juan Carlos, who spends much time every winter skiing, personally followed the rescue operations which saved seven others in the party.

The 30-year-old instructor was a trainer for Spain's national team. The authorities said there would be no investigation.

Spanish police claim terror leaders all held

Madrid - Seventeen members of Spain's so-called First of October Anti-Fascist Resistance Group (Grapo) have been detained in police swoops in seven principal cities (Richard Wigg writes).

At the end of a 48-hour operation, Madrid Interior Ministry sources claimed all the leading figures of the urban terrorist movement, second in importance to ETA, had now been rounded up.

This, however, has been a claim frequently made by police about Grapo in the past. In a burst of activity in one day last September, its commandoes killed two prominent Spanish businessmen in Madrid and Seville.

Nuclear wrangle bedevils Japanese Socialists

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japan Socialist Party's plans to make it more attractive to voters and potential coalition partners have foundered on a split over nuclear power policy.

Faced with a big backlash from delegates at a three-day weekend, the party leadership had to water down new nuclear policy guidelines so much that there is virtually nothing of the original intent remaining.

The problem for Mr Masashi Ishibashi, the leader, is that the party is in thrall to Marxist-Leninist policies which do not have sufficiently broad appeal to make political power a possibility, he wants to turn the party into something closer to a European social democratic party.

As a first step towards policies a little more akin to reality, Mr Ishibashi and fellow party executives were hoping to get the membership to accept that nuclear power generation is here to stay. Already 20 per cent of power in Japan is generated in nuclear power stations, but party policy calls for a halt to their operation until a complete safety review has been completed.

Twenty-two prefectural delegates spoke out against the

back-door acceptance of nuclear power, bringing the convention to a halt.

In the end the leadership was forced to eliminate reference to the turn-about from its action programme, saying it would "pursue" the issue of safety.

The Socialist Party is the largest opposition grouping in Japan, but since its formation in 1945 it has ruled only once, in a coalition government.

As a preliminary to make the manifesto more attractive to voters and potential coalition partners, he got the party to declare its previous manifesto shelved earlier last year before developing more pragmatic and flexible policies.

In order to placate the strong Marxist-Leninist wing of the party, it was declared an historical document, a euphemism for its consignment to the wastepaper basket.

But it is clear that the leftwing was not taken in with Mr Ishibashi's formulation, and far from being a preparation for a unified gathering for the party's fortieth anniversary meeting in December which was to "launch" the new look party, the convention has left it more divided than ever.

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Hardliners go off crying as Parti Québécois drops independence goal

From John Best Montreal

Prospects for a constitutional settlement between Quebec and the rest of Canada appear brighter with the decision of the province's ruling Parti Québécois to pull back from its long-held goal of making Quebec independent.



Mr Laurin: Sovereignty issue 'put to death'

The decision, taken at a tense, one-day special meeting of the party here on Saturday, represented a personal triumph for the party leader and Premier, Mr René Lévesque. However, it caused further schisms in an already deeply divided party.

Mr Lévesque has been fighting a running battle with party hardliners since last November, when he issued a declaration that the party should steer clear of the independence issue in the next provincial elections, expected later this year.

taking its stand, Parti Québécois was actually shedding a huge impediment to its re-election, since polls have shown the sovereignty issue to be increasingly unpopular with the Quebec electorate.

Mr Lévesque is expected to view Saturday's vote as a mandate to enter serious discussions with the federal Government in Ottawa on a formula for associating Quebec with Canada's new constitution, proclaimed in 1982.

Alone among the 10 provinces, Quebec refused to accept the constitution on the ground that it failed to protect Quebec's economic and cultural rights.

Mr Lévesque told the convention he would like to devote some time to the work of "constitutional repair".

Mr Pierre-Marc Johnson, his Minister for Federal-Provincial Relations, said constitutional renewal was something "we'll work on".

The position of Mr Lévesque's moderate faction was strengthened by an opinion poll published on Friday which showed only 4 per cent of Québécois in favour of outright independence and 15 per cent for "sovereignty-association".

The poll was a mixed blessing for the Premier, however. It showed that Mr Johnson, aged 38 and widely considered a rising star, would lead the party to victory over the resurgent Quebec Liberal Party.

Despite the survey, Mr Lévesque, who had been looking exceptionally tired recently, checked up with flying colours, voted on Saturday that he will remain at the helm for the next election.

Away from a war to a refugee camp-city

From Neil Kelly Khao-I-Dang, Thailand

The first of 60,000 Cambodians who recently fled from Vietnamese and Cambodian government attacks across the border into Thailand began moving yesterday out of the war which for many has been their lives for six years.

In 70 buses and lorries they moved eight miles from open country just inside the border to comparative safety here at Khao-I-Dang which has been a refugee camp for more than five years.

It will take three days to complete the move. The newcomers bring with them not only personal possessions but also sections of their former dwellings, mainly bamboo.

Firewood which is scarce in this part of Thailand, pigs, chickens, ducks, some cattle and a pony or two.

When they are all settled, Khao-I-Dang, with almost 100,000 people will be the second largest Cambodian settlement in the world. Only Phnom Penh, the capital across the border to the east, will have more people.

Most of these Cambodians I spoke to said they had not wanted to come here. Without being given a choice they had been taken out of the battle against the Vietnamese. They admit with some bitterness that they may not have the chance or the will to return to the fight.

All came here from the Nong Samet camp, the biggest stronghold of the anti-communist Khmer Peoples National Liberation Front, which Vietnamese forces overran a month ago.

Mr Thien Tan, the Cambodian official in charge of the group, said they had had no choice about the move. "We could not stay where we were and we cannot go back to our country," he said.

A former teacher, he came to the border six years ago from Svay Rieng province bordering South Vietnam. He had suffered under the Khmer Rouge regime but had survived. He had come to the border to join the Front because, knowing the Vietnamese as neighbours, he decided he could not tolerate their rule.

Mr Thien, said most of the 60,000 people under his control felt the same way. No more than one in 20 of them wanted to leave South-East Asia for other parts of the world.



Cambodia's grief: This boy refugee and his pet duck were photographed in the Khao-I-Dang camp in 1980. Now history is repeating itself on the Thai border.

They are being located in the northern section of Khao-I-Dang and separated from long term residents by a high wall of earth. Because of old feuds between the two groups, front officials, like Mr Thien, fear there could be conflicts.

The upset is also visible in the deteriorating health of the refugees especially the young children. More than 25 per cent of the 60,000 are under five.

Sardinian villagers hunt down bandits

From Our Own Correspondent Rome

Sardinian villagers, led by police, staged a remarkable operation based on a hunt for a wild boar to trap and kill four bandits who had kidnapped a popular businessman from the town of Oliana last week.

The businessman was fired upon, but one policeman was killed in the attack.

The co-operation of the local inhabitants was regarded by police as a breakthrough in Sardinia, an island notorious for its banditry. It began last Thursday, when Signor Tonino Caggiari was kidnapped. Immediately a group of local volunteers was formed and tracked down the bandits, who shouted to them to go home.

But the volunteers reported the location to the police, and the next day some 200 of Signor Caggiari's relatives, friends and fellow citizens swept the mountains around Oliana.

Beaters went out to disturb the gang, while sharpshooters were placed at strategic points to open fire when they saw their targets.

One policeman, Vincenzo Marongiu, shot and killed the first bandit, and was instantly killed himself by return fire.

There was some criticism of the scale of the killings, but Signor Oscar Scalfaro, the Minister of the Interior, who flew to the area on Saturday, replied: "We would sooner have had four bandits brought to justice than four bodies, but they challenged the servants of the state right until the last moment."

A significant part of the reason why the bandits failed to coerce the citizens of Oliana was that they came from Orgosolo, a few miles away, and regarded as the centre of Sardinian banditry. Oliana is both economically more advanced and comparatively free of organized violence. The hostages were not, particularly well-off and his captors were only a small band.

Briton in 38 killed by China air crash

Peking (AFP AP) - A Briton and two Americans were among 38 people killed in a plane crash in eastern China on Friday, the New China news agency reported.

The Briton was identified as Michael Shane, aged 41, of Doncaster, a Hong Kong-based employee of the West German engineering firm Brown Boveri Co.

The news agency identified the US victims as Donald Fox, an engineer for Hollis Automation, and Peter Barkanic, market development manager for the US Beijing-Washington Co. Three Hong Kong businessmen also died.

The cause of the crash by a CAAC state airline Antonov 24 has not been determined.

The Soviet-built turbo-prop crashed on landing at the airport at Jinan, a manufacturing city in Shandong province.

Soviet flyers die to save a city

Moscow (Reuters) - Five Soviet Air Force officers were killed when their plane crashed near a major city, the military newspaper Red Star reported yesterday.

The plane report accompanying a decree signed by President Chernenko awarding medals for valour to the five and to a crew member who escaped by ejecting at the last minute, did not give the date, the city involved or the type of plane.

The report said the crew heroically sacrificed their lives to prevent the plane crashing in the city.

on a scheduled flight from Shanghai and Nanjing. Three of the 34 passengers survived, although two were in a critical condition.

Aviation experts working under floodlights sifted through the wreckage of a Cuban airliner to discover why it crashed five minutes after taking off from Havana on Saturday, killing all 40 people on board (Reuters reports).

The Soviet-built Ilyushin 18 jet of Cubana Airlines, bound for the Nicaraguan capital of Managua, plunged to the ground and immediately burst into flames about 10 miles south of the capital, airport officials said. Most of the dead were Cubans or Nicaraguans.

Official Cuban sources said there was no apparent reason for the accident.

Chinese count cost of high-rise living

Hong Kong - Children living in multi-storey blocks of flats are "inferior physically and intellectually" to those who are brought up closer to the ground, according to the Chinese monthly Red Flag (David Boonvia writes).

The Communist Party organ has called for restrictions on the construction of high-rise accommodation which is becoming popular in many Chinese cities. It claims it is more inconvenient than five or six-storey blocks and more expensive to boot.

Lifts in Chinese blocks of flats are usually turned off in the evening, a great inconvenience for people living, say, 20 storeys up. Installation of electricity and plumbing is more expensive than in lower buildings.

Rents in tall buildings may cost more than twice those in low ones, and towerblocks are even dearer.

Four repent to escape from Nimeiri noose

Khartoum (Reuters) - Four men sentenced to death for opposing Sharia (Islamic) law in Sudan have repented and will not hang, the Sudanese news agency Suna reported here.

The four were followers of Mr Mahmoud Mohamed Taha, leader of the banned Republican Brothers Party, who was publicly hanged on Saturday for heresy and for opposing Sharia, introduced by President Nimeiri in 1983.

Youths trained to shoot me, Mrs Marcos says

From Keith Dalton Manila

Military intelligence reports that 140 communist-trained teenagers had been hired to kill Mrs Imelda Marcos, the wife of the Philippines President, caused the first lady to cancel a trip to central Cebu City last week, Manila's leading newspaper reported yesterday.

The boys, aged between 12 and 14, had been trained to "shoot and kill" Mrs Marcos and other government officials, the Bulletin Today claimed.

They had been recruited by a communist liquidation squad of the New People's army, the military wing of the Philippines Communist Party of the Philippines, and paid with drugs, Mrs

band, Mrs Marcos enjoys sweeping political powers.

She escaped an assassination attempt in December 1972, three months after Mr Marcos imposed martial law, by parrying the blows of a knife-wielding assailant who jumped on stage during an outdoor rally, and repeatedly lunged at her: He was shot dead by guards.

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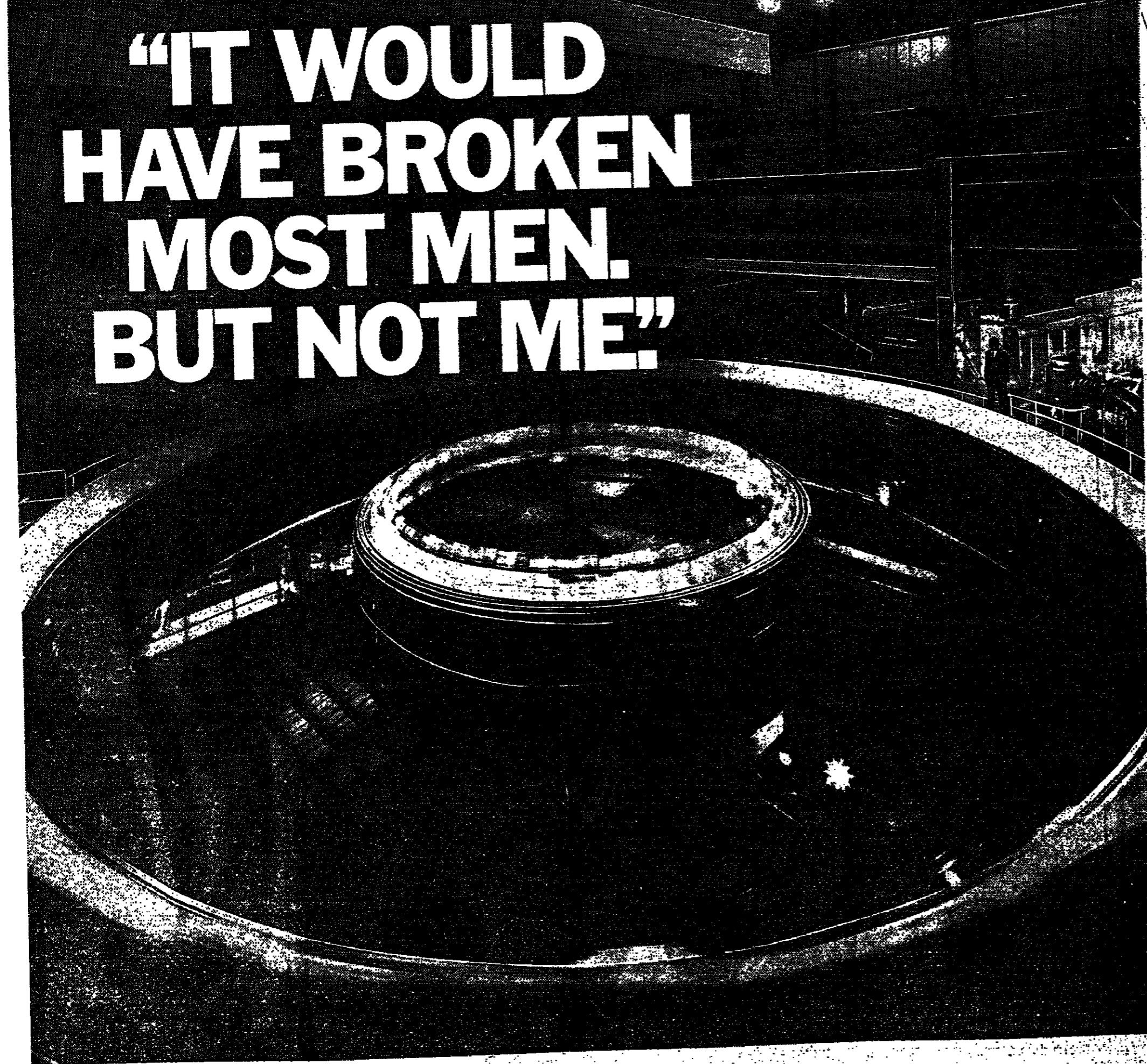
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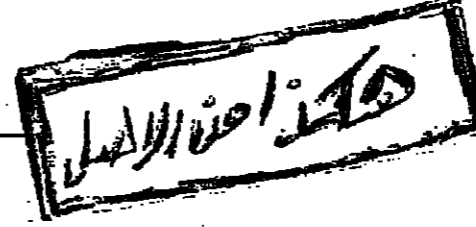


"IT WOULD HAVE BROKEN MOST MEN. BUT NOT ME."

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THE ARTS

Television Visionary outsider

LWT's The South Bank Show struck early last night with D.H. Lawrence, whose centenary year this is. An essay by Melvyn Bragg called 'An Introduction to Anthony Burgess' who would deliver it, fixing the camera with a gimlet eye as though None of course, was forthcoming. He began in the great man's birthplace, Eastwood, near Nottingham, 'the dirty little part from which Lawrence set sail'. It appears, whatever the world might think of him, not to feel - as Mr Burgess's description - still feels that he let the side down.



Brian Glover's down-to-earth God the Father

Theatre Magnificent production in the severest test yet

The Mysteries Cottesloe

Eight years after first embarking on the task, Bill Bryden and his team have now completed the history of the world in a three-part cycle from Creation to Last Judgement. The Nativity and The Passion are both reworked and recent revivals; Doomsday, in the felicitous phrase of the NT handout, 'is completely new'.

unceremoniously plummeting down to a fiery tub. Alongside such performances, and the two peaks of dramatic writing (the play of Mak the sheep-stealer, and the businesslike Crucifixion by four workmen with a low opinion of Jewish carpentry), much has changed. Music has passed from the Albion Band to a more versatile group called The Home Service, whose style ranges from folkdance to Salvation Army marches and apocalyptic rock (though, musically, it is still the unaccompanied voices that touch your heart).

Doomsday tells the story from the Harrowing of Hell to the Last Judgement, and departs from human conflict into the zone of faith and prophecy. It is the severest test the Cottesloe team have encountered, and the production is magnificent. It even takes advantage of the lack of conventional dramatic action to highlight the medieval capacity to bring theology down to literal practicalities. A business-suited Christ descends to hell and Adam (Stephen Peacher) remarks that this is the first hope he has had for 4,600 years. Mary, ascends to heaven in a float that would look well in the Lord Mayor's Show, and the whole population (complete with brass band) turn out to give her a rousing send-off. When it comes to the raising of the dead, traps open all over the floor, and it is as though Stanley Spencer's Cookham resurrections had sprung off the canvas.

Irving Wardle

PUBLISHING A continuing need for original paperbacks

I like most of the great movements in publishing, the effect of the paperback revolution is different from what the intention was. It may be salutary to point this out at the beginning of 1985 with Penguin grading its lions, or whatever the flightless seabird's equivalent is, to celebrate - later in the year - the fiftieth anniversary of publication in July 1935 of Sir Allen Lane's first 10 reprints.



The first title, as is well known, was André Maurois's *Invitation*, the others being by such 'popular' writers as Hemingway, Linklater, Sayers, Christie, Mackenzie, Beverley Nichols and Mary Webb. The two I should like to read are the two I do not know, *William by E.H. Young* and *Maiden Castle* by Susan Erz. Penguin is reprinting the first 10 titles in 1985 at infinitely more than the original prices (5s for the lot) and thus we shall all have the chance.

Concerts Steady grasp of the long line On a tightrope

RPO/Berglund Festival Hall

Schoenberg is said to have remarked of Sibelius and Shostakovich, and I do not think he altogether meant to be condescending, that they had 'the breath of symphonists'. Perhaps that is why Paavo Berglund is such an excellent conductor of both of them, for his work is always marked by a sure and steady grasp of the long line. On Saturday night we heard it at once in his performance of Schumann's *Manfred* Overture, where after the too hasty upbeat the whole introduction was made into a continuous dying fall, with a feeling of fade continuing even while the music was reading itself for the allegro. And this same command of large spans helped make his account of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony one of the most complete I have heard of this problematic work.

and a quick tempo, but the coda seemed almost as if it had been genuinely joyful, as if the composer had discovered with some misgivings that an official demand for optimism in fact corresponded with his own musical needs. Here and throughout Mr Berglund was roundly supported by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, with un- even accomplishment. His long view of the symphony went with a close attention to detail, but this unfortunately brought out discrepancies between the smooth, sunny forms and some other departments.

LSO/Tortelier Barbican

When she took second prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition last September, Ju Hee Suh from Korea was the darling of the show. And not for the virtuosity of her 19 years alone: her Rachmaninov Third Concerto breathed its own fresh air, with an imaginative fervour blissfully unstilted by the hothouse. On Saturday night she arrived at the Barbican with Beethoven's First Piano Concerto. From the nervous tension in the opening staccato chords, this was clearly to be another unshakable performance. But there was something else besides: a rare, immediate pleasure in phrasing, and a second-by-second awareness of a direction other than up and out. It is this ability to catch the music's breath, to dally, yet without mannerism, at the top of a phrase in order to watch it flower, that may well be her salvation.

Amsterdam Guitartrio Wigmore Hall

One does not go to a concert of music for guitar trio expecting anything terribly profound, and the Amsterdam Guitartrio accordingly gave us few surprises. What they did offer, though, was a display of superlative musicianship in both their abundant virtuosity and their enterprising programme.

Hilary Finch

Such a group necessarily has to live by transcriptions and commissions in the absence of other literature. Quite the most alluring of the three specially composed works played here was Dnu Huntraku's *Collection* of 1983. Huntraku is Thai, and thankfully not afraid to remain obviously so in his music. His language owes much to the pentatonic scale and is full of oriental-sounding clashing seconds and parallel fourths and fifths.

Endymion Ensemble Queen Elizabeth Hall

First Robert Lowell, then Benjamin Britten; the mesmerism of Racine's *Phedre* cut, turned, and cut again, with each new facet glinting with a colder, clearer light. An all too rare opportunity to hear the process at work was provided in a performance of Britten's dramatic cantata *Phaedra*, given as the climax of the Endymion Ensemble's concert on Friday.

LSO/Butt Barbican

An odd mixture of nervous energy and compressed passion, of classical clarity and romantic effluence characterized this concert by the London Symphony Orchestra. It was conducted by Yondani Butt, a Canadian based in British Columbia who formed his own orchestra, the Symphonic Canadiana, nine years ago, and is evidently now looking to wider horizons, though a programme of less random content than this might perhaps have served him better.

Noel Goodwin

Lumora Noë Overture which preceded it was likewise lacking in dramatic character. In the first part of the programme Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini* illustrated with bold contrasts of primary colours in the tone-painting but no real tenderness in the *vantabile* music, even with Jack Brymer's clarinet to outline it.

Stephen Pettitt

Since it was here receiving its world premiere, I should perhaps have begun with Gilbert

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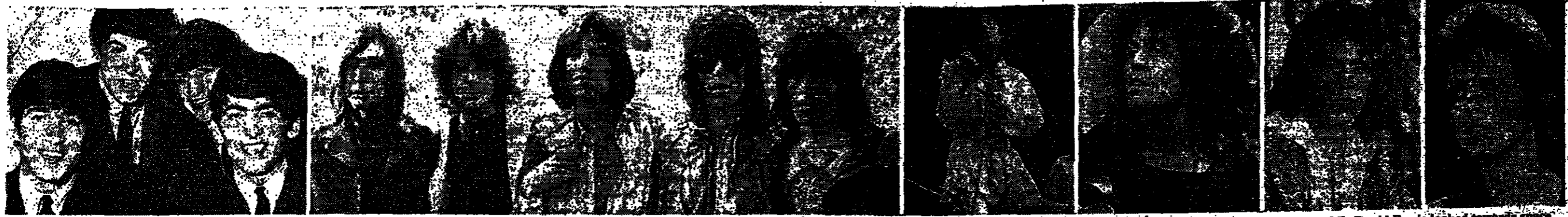
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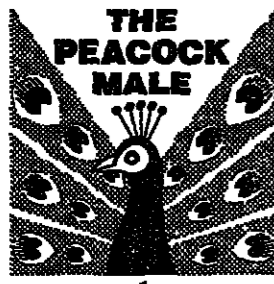
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The Peacock Male: Fashion for men has never moved faster. In a three-part series, Suzy Menkes examines the trends

Vox pop in all his glory



Stars of the Sixties: Four smart lads from Liverpool started out in conventional suits. The Rolling Stones were the wild boys. Later Mick Jagger and Marc Bolan experiment with gender bending. Roger Daltrey tried glamour, while David Bowie looked towards space.



In the video age pop stars are the image-makers for an entire generation. They dictate and draw from today's street styles. The cycle of history has given us the beau, the dandy, the spare Olympian ideal, Boy George and Carl Lewis. And now modern man - complete with mascara - has found the confidence to preen himself and display his fine plumage to the world...



Seventies style: Gary Glitter made up but wore a studded leather jacket. Punk rebel Sid Vicious was replaced by the New Romantics. Today George Michael looks well-groomed and handsome.

"If you're going to be a peacock, you have to be a proud peacock. You have to love yourself before you can make other people love you."

Those are the words of Boy George, whose outrageous appearance has thrown down a gauntlet of glamour to the staid men's fashion industry. In the streets, on our television screens and increasingly in the shops, the peacock male is preening himself in a way that has not been seen so far this century.

Awareness of self, of body, mind and clothes has become a male motif of the 1980s, as men reassert and re-define the masculine image in the wake of the Women's Movement. And in nature's tradition of the peacock, women's fashion seems relatively quiet and drab compared with the excitement in men's clothing.

The two major influences on men's style are sport and pop music, with their equivalent heroes, both projected by television. Sport and pop have been providing entertainment for increasing leisure time for the last 20 years. The new factor is that the two industries are now offering rich seams for commercial exploitation. In the high streets, men's clothing shops are currently opening at a faster rate than the traditional women's fashion stores, and the entire concept of fast-moving fashion has been introduced for the first time to men.

In this middle year of the 1980s, the most unaware consumer is going to see the explosion of men's fashion in our high streets. Next for Men (whose women's shops stirred up the mass market) are opening 56 new shops in 1985. Half of these will burst out of the old-established Hepworth's menswear shops, now part of the Next group.

"We needed a women's approach in menswear, so that we reassess the situation each season," says group managing director George Davies. "People said we were mad, but men have reacted just as strongly as women to changing fashions since we first opened in August last year."

Who are the customers for the new generation of men's fashion shops? Nigel Gee, of Cecil Gee, says that the age range in their lively Gee-2 shops (nine new ones opening in all major provincial cities this year) are not the teenagers, but the young men in their twenties.

"Two years ago we had three Gee-2 shops," says Nigel Gee. "One of them was in the King's Road, another in Covent Garden and the third in California. We realized from looking at the shops in California that there was an amazing market for shops selling primarily casual clothes. Our new shops are part of the whole turnaround in men's fashion from just selling suits and shirts."

Although the very young men are now turning back to suits, it is a fact that while the traditional men's outfitters with their rigid patterns of buying and display and their unadventurous merchandise have been struggling, the brighter, younger retailers have been experiencing a boom.

Travel, music programmes on television, even the effect of breakfast television stars in their woolly sweaters - all have helped to create the new fashion climate, according to Paul Smith, a Nottingham born designer who has never abandoned his provincial roots although he has two central London shops and wholesales nationwide.

"I have seen boys from the provinces go to Spain and Italy, and come back realizing that there is nothing effeminate about a pink sweater," says Paul Smith. "In the last two months there has been a sudden change as the high street shops became much more design aware. But I believe there is also commercial pressure from manufacturers who have saturated the women's market and are now turning to men."

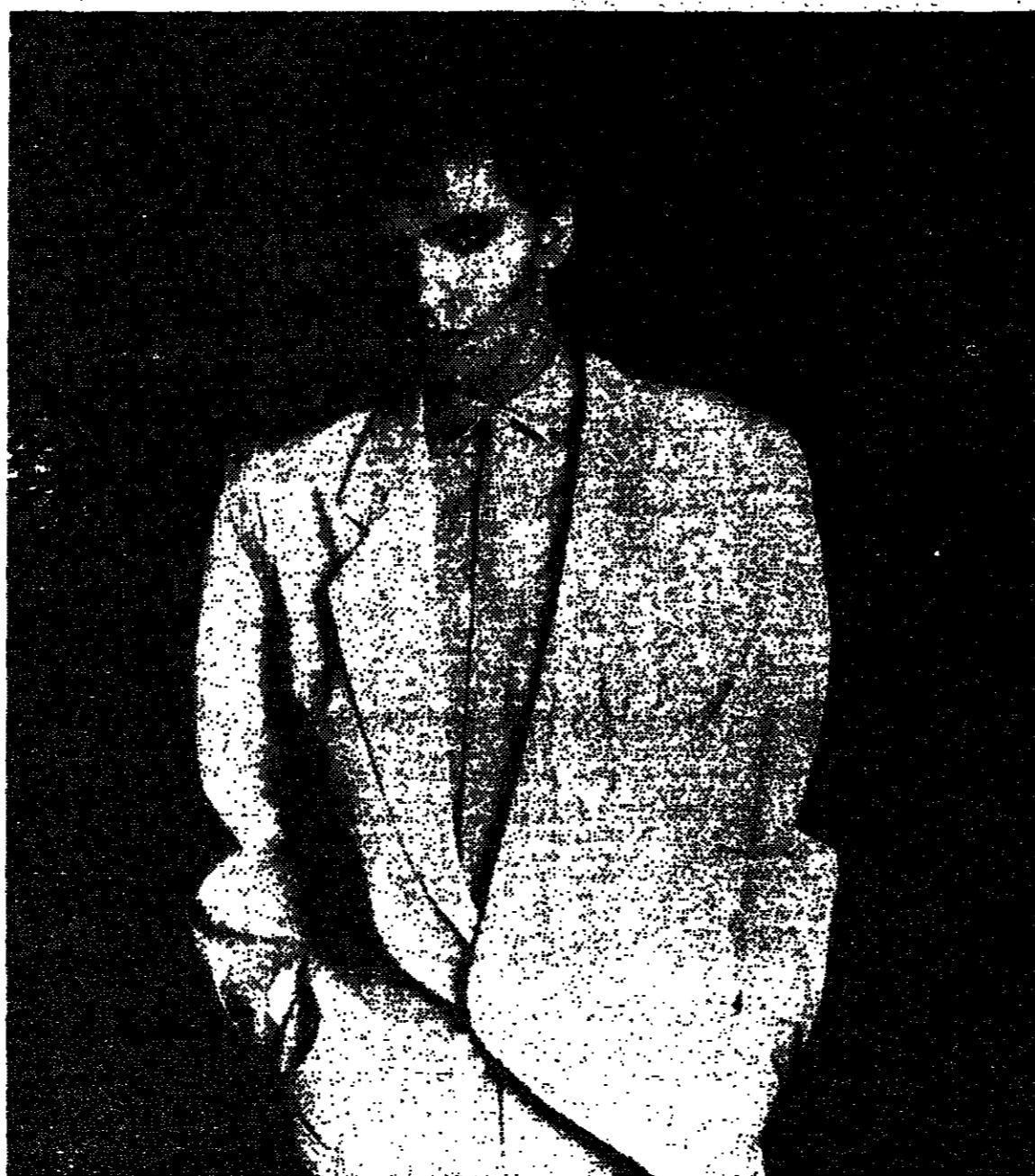
The last mini fashion-boom in menswear was in the 1960s when Carnaby Street stood for Swinging London and what was then outrageous about British men's style. Way in at Harrods was one of the first flowerings of the boutique style in a department store, and its section manager Barbara Deighton feels that the history of their 18-year-old department encapsulates the development of men's fashion.

Way In started selling men's clothes alongside women's when they opened in June, 1967. The new market for young menswear is reflected in the physical expansion of the Way In area, which has been increased over the past two years by 2,000 square feet, bringing it up to one-third of the total sales floor.

"Men are being more adventurous, and the menswear fashion business over the past two years has become much more innovative," says Barbara Deighton. "There is a group of creative young designers, especially British ones, who are all catering for the young market, and things are now moving as fast for us in menswear as for women."

The new breed of designers is closely allied to the pop world and often projects a new image on a rock star. At the same time, women's fashion designers have produced androgynous style of current fashion: Katharine Hamnett designs for Frankie Goes to Hollywood; Dexter Wong for Culture Club; Paul Smith for David Bowie.

Pop was where the young men's



The image of the Eighties: Nick Rhodes of Duran Duran in pale pink, fitted suit and full make-up

fashion business began back with The Beatles, when a mop of hair was shocking. It is fascinating to trace through the strands of pop images and relate them to the major developments in men's fashion (see table). The disc has now spun almost full circle with the current teenagers' heroes like Duran Duran or Wham! much closer in style to the early Beatles than to the wilder excesses of the 1970s or today's pretty Boy George.

Major fashion changes for men may run concurrently with the pop images, but it is much more

common for a directional movement in music to pre-figure a fashion change by several years - almost a decade in the case of androgyny. Mick Jagger shocked in a frock at an open air concert in Hyde Park in 1969. David Bowie launched Ziggy Stardust in 1972. It was not until the early 1980s, when Adam Ant recalled an heroic eighteenth century age of dress (*Prince Charming*), Boy George projected himself in make-up and ringlets and Annie Lennox of the Eurythmics offered the buxom girl image of cropped hair and man's suit, that

androgyny surfaced as an important fashion influence.

In the same way, the eclectic and extraordinary men's clothes in the early 1970s were given mainstream showbiz focus with glam rock and Gary Glitter. His winged shoulders came through in the macho, wide-shouldered men's fashions of Claude Montana in 1977-78. Likewise leather was a rock image right through the 1960s; it shocked as did black-leather-and-bondage for punks and reached the high street stores as the ubiquitous leather blouson. Society has in the past had its



The ultimate gender bender: Boy George of Culture Club, perfectly painted

own tribal codes and identities, but previous proceedings of the peacock male have been limited to the elite who belonged by birth or purchasing power - to a small group, like the Regency bucks, the dandy of the Prince of Wales's Edwardian set. We now have a society where flouting conventional rules, particularly in dress, has been the norm ever since a homogeneous "teenage" group was identified, advertised at and given its own music.

Boy George is Vox Pop: the authentic voice (or rather one of them) of a youth culture centred on music, where being outrageous is now an end in itself.

The constantly changing names and fragmented video visions of the current pop scene seem to fulfil Andy Warhol's 1960s prophecy that everyone would one day be famous for five minutes. The older generation (both male and female) is bewildered and many men find some of the outward manifestations of the peacock male, especially the re-emergence of male make-up, positively threatening.

Androgynous clothing is a challenge to fixed concepts of femininity/masculinity, and once that demarcation line was established in Christian society, cross-dressing became subversive, according to fashion historian Dr Aileen Ribeiro. But why should we accept that women's fashion can embrace mannish trouser suits, yet find Boy George at best outrageous and at worst disturbing?

The young generation in England has accepted that androgyny is a two-way street, and that what passes one way in trousers can come back the other in lip gloss. But it also sees the peacock couple as the key to the current male fashion revolution. The proud male, dressed in his jaunty, flamingo pink suit

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- 1963 Beatles *Please Please Me*
Beatles jacket, mop fringe
Long hair for men starts
 - 1968 Beatles *Yellow Submarine*
Psychedelic print shirts
Start of flower power
 - 1968 Rolling Stones/Mick Jagger
Jumpin' Jack Flash
Tight crotch trousers
Carnaby Street style
 - 1969 Mick Jagger wears frock
Unisex fashions
 - 1972 David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust
First flowering of androgyny
 - 1977 Gary Glitter *It Takes All Night*
High fashion launches stud
shoulders
Montana launches macho men
Sex Pistols: bondage and leather
High fashion launches stud
leather
 - 1981 Adam Ant Prince Charming
Fashion's pirates/New Romantics
Malcolm McLaren *Buffalo Girls*
Vivienne Westwood heroic
leather
 - 1983 Culture Club *Karma-Chameleon*
Duran Duran wear suits
George Michael/Wham! Last
Christmas
Clean cut fashion for men
Frankie Goes to Hollywood
Message T-shirts hit streets

fluorescent socks and long lash mascara, has a girl friend at his side. The trend in men's retailing is towards the idea of lifestyle shopping, with men's and women's departments no longer separated on store floors and with coffee shops and unisex accessories.

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Four lines are fine, but conciser is nicer

moreover... Miles Kingdon

Although there was a time when I knew the entire works of Byron, Wordsworth and Alan Ginsberg off by heart, I find now that the poems that have stayed with me the longest are those taught me by my father. Here is one classic I learnt from him:

*I wish I were a cassowary
On the plains of Timbuctoo
Then I'd eat a missionary
Boots and hat, and hymn
book too*

His favourite poetry book, and mine too, was a little anthology of the works of Harry Graham entitled *Ruthless Rhymes for Heartless Homes*. The most sentimental poem in it went as follows:

*Father heard his children
scream,
So he threw them in the
stream,
Saying, as he drowned the
third,
"Children should be seen, not
heard"*

One cannot stay with four-line poems all one's life. There comes a time when one has to admit that there are other, more valid forms. But instead of looking for longer verses, I have found myself gravitating towards the even terser two-line

poem. Who was it who wrote this one?

*I know two things about the
horse,
And one of them is rather
coarse,
It is an ancient batsman,
And he stoppeth one of three?*

The only poet that the computer has had problems with so far is Wordsworth, whose thought is too woolly to allow of clear interpretation. Not content with this Wordsworthian trope:

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
And ended up, quite skint, in
Stroud*

not breathe a sigh of relief if all the poets were reduced to such a rich basic stock? Does not Coleridge appear much clearer when his verse becomes:

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Hilary Rubinstein finds some half-forgotten advice repaid with interest

It was just a case of confidence

Life dealt me an unlooked-for good hand recently. It wasn't a big windfall that could change my life - such as winning the pools or finding an unrecognized Timoreto at an auction. But it was one of the most agreeable things that have happened to me in the past few years.

The story started when my secretary received a mysterious telephone message. The caller wanted to send me some wine. Could Debbie find out whether I had any preference - champagne or Burgundy or whatever? If necessary, she could ask me, but wasn't to reveal the man's name.

I controlled my curiosity but couldn't resist asking her whether the caller was a client. I am a literary agent, and from time to time authors have been known to give me a bottle for some service beyond the call of duty. But Debbie, who has been with me for several years, was certain she had never heard his name before.

A week later, a man struggled into our reception with a crate of wine. Seizing a hammer and

chisel, I got to work prising off its lid. Ten minutes later I had a dozen bottles of a fine vintage claret, and on top a brief communication from a wine merchant: "Sent at the request of Mr Michael Strong to thank you for all your marvellous advice."

Michael Strong? I thought the wine might have been intended for one of my colleagues, but they had never heard his name either. Then I rang my brother, who is a solicitor with an office in London. People confuse us and occasionally we get each other's mail. But he didn't know Michael Strong's name either.

I rang the victiner, and after some palaver succeeded in getting my benefactor's address in Bourneville. His wife answered the telephone. With embarrassment, I told Mrs Strong I had just received a parcel from her husband but had to confess that I hadn't the

faintest clue who he was or what I had done.

"Oh, I am not at all surprised," she said. "You see, it all happened a long time ago - in 1947. You were an educational psychologist in the RAF, and my husband came to you for advice when he was stationed in Iraq. And it was such good advice that he has never forgotten it."

I had joined the RAF just before the end of the war and had started training as a pilot when the war ended. Untrained aircrew were instantly made redundant, and shunted off into other forms of employment. I had found myself in an outfit called the Vocational Advice Service. For this you had to be between 30 and 45, and have a university degree and preferably industrial experience.

I was 20, had had six months at a university before being

called up and my industrial experience was nil. Nevertheless, I and a whole lot of other youths passed a cursory selection board and, after three weeks' training in London, were shipped off as qualified advisers to the RAF's Middle East headquarters.

From there small groups of us were flown from one RAF station to another giving those who wanted vocational guidance a battery of psychometric tests. We would advise people - often old enough to be our fathers - of suitable Civvy Street careers.

What had I actually said that had been so useful to Mr Strong? I had apparently advised him he had immense potential and could do well at anything that he cared to set his mind to.

"You wrote a report which we still have," which said that, and which has been of priceless

value to him. And then he came to see you in 1976, and you gave him some more advice that has changed our life."

"In 1976? I am afraid I haven't the foggiest recollection of it."

"Oh, I'm not surprised. You see, my husband was working in the Civil Service, in a job which had to do with interpreting industrial relations legislation. A publisher asked him if he would collaborate with another man in a handbook about a new Act, with Michael providing the expertise."

"He somehow knew that the sergeant who had advised him in Iraq was now a literary agent and he traced you whereabouts. You told him he didn't need anyone to help him and could perfectly well write the book by himself. And that's what he did."

"The book has to be revised quarterly. It has been so

successful that my husband has been able to give up his job, and we have enjoyed our lives much more ever since. And every Christmas for years Michael has said he really must send that man Rubinstein some wine to thank him."

Since that conversation, I have met ex-Sergeant Strong and his wife. I asked to see the famous report of 1947. It was relieved that I hadn't actually told him that he could do anything in life he really wanted to or anything quite so preposterous.

No actor has ever minded being told he was great, no author has ever looked an appreciative critic in the proverbial mouth. But thanking people for good deeds that they hadn't known they had committed is even better.

Maybe the story means something more. Would many of us have been able to make more of our lives if we had had confidence-building encouragement at a suitable moment - even if the encourager were only a stripling, barely out of his teens?



Champion of the elderly

Professor Elaine Murphy, a leading psychiatrist and specialist in senile dementia, tells Ross Davies why she is campaigning for the better care of the sick and aged



Picture: Harry Hart

"This Government's policy is absurd, it's throwing away money all the time, yet those in greatest need have the least chance of being cared for."

Uncompromising words indeed, but usually uncompromising - says Elaine Murphy - are the difficulties faced by the elderly mentally infirm.

At 37 Professor Murphy is the newly appointed holder of Britain's first chair in the psychiatry of the elderly. This makes her only the second woman professor of psychiatry. The first is Joan Bicknell, who is Professor of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap at St George's Hospital in London.

If, like me, you have never met a professor of psychiatry before, it's hard to know what to expect - perhaps not this young woman with auburn hair and grey eyes set off by a Jaeger two-piece in what she says her husband calls "Thatcher blue".

public ones, are very few indeed."

Private residential homes don't want the awkward customers, the ones that need a lot of help. "They want the easy old ladies," says Professor Murphy.

Until she took up her chair at Guy's, Professor Murphy was a consultant psychiatrist working with the elderly at the Goodmayes Hospital, Eford, Essex. One influence that led her towards this unfashionable speciality is personal. When she was a girl, one member of the household was a grandmother who, with 10 years to live, developed dementia.

While she treats the elderly mentally ill (and many old people have the same illnesses as young people) Professor Murphy's special interest is her grandmother's affliction, dementia. In this, she hardly seems to be helped by two semantic considerations.

One is the name of her subject. She is Professor of Psychogeriatrics, a ghastly word which somehow suggests an ancient Anthony Perkins feebly hacking at a decayed Janet Leigh.

Professor Murphy's husband heads a consultancy which creates business names - among them Metro and Adair - for BL. Could he do better than Psychogeriatrics. Why not the Psychiatry of Old Age? Glimply, Professor Murphy says: "Psychogeriatrics is common medical parlance. I'm stuck with it," she says.

The other problem is with the word dementia, again perfectly clear to doctors but, even to intelligent laymen, possibly suggesting violent, frenzied madness. In fact, dementia rarely involves violence or frenzy and isn't madness. It is the consequence of organic brain failure.

There are violent, dangerous old people but they are likely to be suffering from psychotic states. Of the dementia victim she says: "It's usually an old lady, who is physically fit, but may have hearing and sight problems, whose memory starts to go, whose personal care starts to deteriorate... it's the soup down the Crimble dress."

The symptoms can be as mundane as a fridge full of meat turning green because an old lady cannot remember when she bought it or how to cook it. She may wander out in the middle of the night to the shops.

"It's becoming easily, seriously confused during an infection - like a cold - so that you don't really know where you are or what you're doing and when not ill, a tendency to become very agitated in unfamiliar surroundings," says Professor Murphy.

Dementia is a minority affliction, occurring in less than one in five people, mostly in the increasing number of over-85s. Yet, thanks to a low birth rate and increasing longevity, par-

6 Millions of pounds are wasted on nursing homes

Elaine and John Murphy are together during the week in a 38th-floor flat in the Barbican in London. There is a good view of Guy's Hospital, where Professor Murphy has her new post.

They spend weekends at their small Tudor manor house in Norfolk, for which, perhaps anachronistically, they collect William & Mary furniture.

When Professor Murphy paid a first call on a colleague at Guy's, his secretary admonished her: "He doesn't see drug reps." Even medical secretaries don't expect to see women professors.

This one says government policy is "absurd" because "millions of pounds are being poured every week in supplementary benefit into the care of elderly people in private nursing homes."

These, she says, are old people with "mild memory failure, mild illnesses of one sort or another, who actually don't need residential care, but whose families feel they would be safer in a home". For this, the state will happily pay £200 a week.

Such people, Professor Murphy argues, would be better off at home than in a nursing home, with or near families and friends, receiving medical treatment as well as social services - home help, for example.

But for the elderly who do need residential care, those with mental or severe physical frailty, "private places, like the

Professor Murphy: 'Old people with mild memory failure don't need residential care'

elderly person has spent a lifetime looking after other people, are not comforting.

Professor Murphy quotes the case of an 87-year-old we shall call Miss S. B. In her career as a midwife in the Guy's Hospital unit, Miss S. B. delivered at least 3,000 babies.

"She was physically fit, but then she started going shopping in the middle of the night, and couldn't find her way home," says Professor Murphy. "She'd also tell the meals-on-wheels lady 'No, thank you, we're cooking for ourselves today'."

Her friend, with whom she's shared the house for the past 60 years, couldn't stop her. She's mentally alert, but almost immobilized by a heart condition.

Miss S. B. has been through Professor Murphy's assessment unit and there is nowhere for her to go but a long-stay hospital bed. Yet she's neither unfit nor mentally ill.

Professor Murphy says: "If I'm lucky, I'll probably find her a private home - but that'll be a tragedy. It'll be outside the borough, so her friend won't be able to visit her and they're already missing each other desperately."

Not even at £200 a week in supplementary benefit, it is likely that in a private home Miss S. B. will receive the services on offer in a local authority home (if there were one) - visits from a community psychiatric nurse, for example. Miss S. B. will be merely on hold, "in unfamiliar surroundings".

At the heart of the issue of the elderly and mentally frail is that, however quickly their numbers increase, the phenomenon is recent. The general public has yet to grasp its extent, as perhaps it has begun to do with mental handicap. Professor Murphy says that 20, or even 10 years ago, the number of Miss S. B.s was small enough to be coped with in local authority residential care. Today, however, the numbers have increased so fast that dementia sufferers are being cooped up in mental hospitals. Many are even in the acute medical beds of general hospitals.

They may be the lucky ones. Many, perhaps as many as two-thirds of dementia sufferers, go undiagnosed and untreated. Clearly, those who live alone are unlikely to consult a GP. Without referral by a GP, hospitals, wary of committing

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to the problem of the elderly mentally frail. She is supervising research into dementia and improving links between her unit and the community, so that anybody, not just a GP, can bring a mentally frail person to the unit's notice. The patient is then visited at home - nine in ten stay at home, once social services have been alerted.

Of the remaining one in ten, far too many have to go, like Miss S. B., to the area mental hospital, Bexley. "It is one of the greatest scandals of our time."

"But this district is absolutely committed to taking those patients out of Bexley, and to providing residential facilities locally, near their own homes, near their relatives - as near to the ordinary home environment as consistent with their handicaps."

But Professor Murphy's main handicap in getting this started for once is not health service cuts. Land has been bought and an architect engaged to build a residence looking like a normal house. It is to be home to up to 12 dementia sufferers, one of them Miss S. B., with round-the-clock care.

However, the residence would be near shops, a health centre and a church - and in the middle of a Lewisham council estate. Now 80 local people have signed a petition of protest.

Oh, bring back the pride and passion

I doubt that this is the most appropriate time to launch a new paperback imprint called Love Stories Ltd, which is what a new company, operating from deep in the heart of Soho, is about to do.

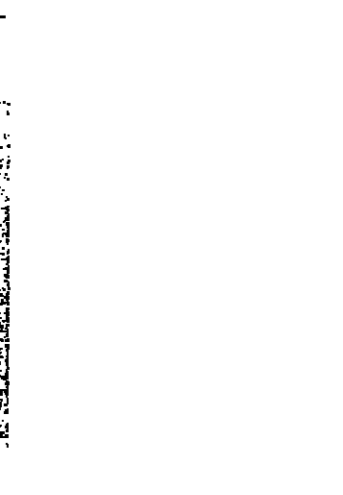
In the first place, love stories, in the traditional sense, by which I mean stories about two people with a deep affection for each other, one being a man and the other a woman, are terribly out of fashion. This was brought home to me during an evening when I watched two television programmes, in which, ahem, personal relationships figured importantly.

In one, *The Beiderbecke Affair*, the two lovers preferred to spend most of their evenings apart, he to listen to jazz records, she to distribute leaflets. When, after a night of rare sexual congress, the man asked the woman jokingly, whether the earth had moved for her, she replied that it hadn't, but "the dressing table shifted a bit."

In the second, *Domestic Bliss*, a conventional romantic setting, appeared on the screen: the candlelit table, the flowers, the soft clinking together of two wine glasses - but the storyline was not quite so conventional, since the two lovers looking passionately into each other's eyes were both women.

In real life, too, romance seems to be taking a bit of a clobbering by The New Celibacy, gender-bending and other ambiguous situations unforeseen by Barbara Cartland. It is difficult for me to comprehend. She accommodates Love with a capital L these days, even if it turns up and starts pelting us with crimson roses. Take my friend Meredith, a financial analyst. She has found a man straight out of Mills & Boon. At least three times a week, he presents his clean-cut profile at her door, along with a spray of orchids, tickets for Covent Garden followed by a table for two at the Savoy Grand.

Meredith is far from grateful. After a taste day with her portfolios, she needs romance like a hole in the head. What she pines for are early nights, scrambled eggs in front of the television and "someone who realizes how tired I am", which



PENNY PERRICK

may well constitute loving behaviour, but not the kind of which love stories are made. Meanwhile, Meredith's orchids are withering to a papery brown mess on her draining-board, as she catnaps her way through *Turandot* and wearily pushes the restaurant food around her plate while her besotted escort, as well as the waiters, wonder what they are doing wrong.

With love affairs going off at such unpredictable tangents, no wonder the Betty Trask contest for romantic fiction attracts such a meagre entry. It must be impossible for romantic novelists to find real-life situations on which to base their material.

It was with some scepticism then that I noted the claim of Love Stories Ltd that "all that they have in common is that the central theme is a love story." Love stories, as far as I'm concerned, must have a full quota of heaving breasts, heroes with hair black as night and questioning eyebrows, heroines who go through several he-loves-me-he-loves-me-not mental agonies, and thrilling locations such as South Sea Island beaches or operating theatres.

A lover who has yellow teeth

Love Stories Ltd's first title, *Before Natasha* doesn't meet any of these criteria. Its heroine, Anna, drudges out a living as a part-time drama teacher in a London comprehensive. She returns every evening to what Americans delicately refer to as "a room-mate", namely a lazy out-of-work actor called Geoff. Now theatrical folk have often been the stuff of which traditional romantic fiction is made but not ones like Geoff whose "teeth were yellow from smoking and his jawline and stomach were spreading." But Geoff is one qualification that renders him fit for the pages of romantic fiction: he is not, definitely not, what has come to be known as the New Man. Or as the book has it: "She had a brief fantasy about going out to find a man who enjoyed cuddling a baby, a man who would smile tenderly as it screamed and vomited. But

Britain's international standing in the welfare stakes

The prospect for most dementia sufferers in Britain, is inadequate care in local authority residential homes or the long-stay wards of psychiatric hospitals, almost irrespective of income, says Professor Elaine Murphy.

For the very rich, there are a few private mental hospitals but these have long waiting lists, as do the few private residential homes able or willing to take disturbed old people.

For those on both middle and lower incomes who have relatives suffering from dementia, where they live is more important than how much money they have.

This is because supplementary benefit will help to meet the cost of the more modestly priced and suitable nursing homes. The trouble is that, unless you live in or within visiting range of a suburban or rural area, with lots of large

Victorian houses, which is thus well off for private nursing homes, the accommodation shortage will be even more acute. Even in these more favoured areas, few private homes are equipped to deal with dementia sufferers.

In terms of new development, such as the concept of a "domus" or small home with round-the-clock care for 12 to 20 people, situated in the area the people come from, Britain leads the world. Professor Murphy says. But there are very few of these and overall the provision for the elderly mentally confused in Britain remains "appalling".

Yet the standard of care is bettered nowhere else in the world - with the difference, Professor Murphy points out, that Britain has the highest proportion of elderly people (16 per cent) and so is the first country to be overtaken by the dementia problem.

Dementia is one problem that does not arise in the Third World, for in many countries life expectancy is commonly a medieval 40 years of age. However, says Professor Murphy, the Chinese are heading for "an absolute crisis" if they persist in official efforts to limit the size of the family.

In Western Europe, there are some community-run homes in The Netherlands and Scandinavia but these can be too big and impersonal to suit the needs and abilities of dementia sufferers.

In the United States, with a higher birth rate, immigration and therefore fewer old people (12 per cent), there are some excellent "skilled nursing facilities", some private, others run by local and individual state authorities. But the general level of provision, Professor Murphy says, is even worse than here.

A life of luxury on the scrounge

My 21-year-old daughter has never done a day's paid work in her life. The middle-aged man with whom she's been living for four years (a trained chef) has not worked for a decade. Both are strong, healthy, intelligent human beings who have, by choice, opted to live on government allowances. They have a house in the centre of a prestige university city (rent paid through the nose by the DHSS), they run both a car and a motor-cycle, they enjoy the entertainment provided by a coliseum subscription, they are telephone subscribers, they are comfortable, faintly bohemian lifestyle - wholesome food, homemade wine, the odd cigarette - these two are happily content to rest among the statistics of the registered unemployed. To my knowledge neither has ever applied for, or otherwise sought, a job. Nor has the DHSS put any pressure upon them to do so.

Poor Beveridge: did he ever see this as a spin-off from his humanely merciful report? These camp-followers with their new morality and their conscience-free eschewment of the work ethic? Am I, still toiling and paying my taxes like millions of others, hopelessly behind the times in believing that benefits should shore up the handicapped, the elderly, the work-seeking unemployed and the out-and-out unemployed? For I cannot believe that my daughter and her man are alone in their passive acceptance of a take-away Utopia.

I mean, quite apart from the begging palm there's the incredible boringness, the narrowing of interests, the super-importance of domestic matters. Why should a pretty young thing of 21 talk about casseroles and vacuum cleaners and bargains at Sainsbury's?

But the hardest to take is her changed attitude, the knowledge that Jan herself has no plans for the future, no goals, no sense of anything except a fully-justified "right to claim". As she says: "I don't really mind not working. It leaves the jobs for other people."

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Tall order for Chancellor on public spending

We have a double test of government intentions this week. While the currency markets are awaiting proof of the pudding cooked up by finance ministers in Washington, the British financial and political markets are also awaiting the Chancellor's new spending plans.

Their message is clearly intended to be that - despite this year's little local difficulties - expenditure control rules OK. Thus must Mr Nigel Lawson hope to ease his problems with the pound, or at least shift the blame fully on to circumstances outside his control. It will not be so easy. For to please both the City and Westminster, Tuesday's public spending White Paper needs to establish at one and the same time that inflation is still expected to fall between now and the next election; that public spending will not rise, in real terms; and that the numbers produced by the Chief Secretary, Mr Peter Rees, are both statistically credible and politically acceptable.

A tall order, made a sight harder to meet by the damage done to the Government's reputation these past two weeks. Both the markets and Parliament are that much less ready to believe that the Chancellor knows what he is doing, and since they tend to pull in opposite directions, his credibility is an essential centripetal force.

For disguise it as the Treasury will (eg. by prattling of new technical arrangements for currency intervention coordinated by telephone, as if central banks were only now having Mr Bell's little device installed), the Chancellor has had to change his tune on the exchange rate. Only last September, he remained aloof on the high moral ground of market freedom while the German Government openly intervened. Now we are back in the old game of watching Britain's reserve figures to spot what the Bank of England is up to.

To be fair the Government has been a (lukewarm) party to the 1983 Williamsburg agreement endorsing intervention to steady "disorderly" markets. It is eminently arguable that there was no point going further until the Americans would play. And the British Government has not changed its view on the folly of long-term intervention to hold a particular rate.

The most obvious of these are, of course, sales of public-sector assets, including council houses; but there is another, less noticed source, which is national insurance. The rise in real earnings has done wonders for the national insurance fund, enabling the Treasury to cut its subsidy. In 1985-86, for example, the Government will be raising 5 per cent more revenue from employers and employees in contributions - despite its much-vaunted abolition of the surcharge.

The short-term effect on public borrowing of keeping spending down in these ways is exactly the same, of course, as straightforwardly cutting expenditure. But since the Government has recently been using it as a last-minute escape-route when the coming year's figures won't add up, it cannot also depend heavily on such revenue-raisers for its long-term control.

Thus we come to the final test: which is evidence of hard decisions taken in advance. For we have gone on too long with numbers in White Papers which mean little until ministers are forced to engage in last minute political battles. Today's House of Commons has shown its disapproval of this system, and it will get any kinder. It is not easy to produce a clear public spending White Paper at a time when so much (social security alone amounts to a quarter) is rather vaguely under review.

But Tuesday's White Paper should be judged above all for the indications it gives Westminster, and its electorate, of where the pressure points are; and the information it gives on the purposes and results - the output, in social and economic terms - of those programmes which by the next general election will total about £142 billion.

per cent, and we know the political pain that has caused; but with Tuesday's white paper, the focus shifts to the later years, for which we will see detailed plans for the first time.

For 1986-87, of which some detail has already been given, and 1987-88, effectively the last year of this parliament, the Chancellor last March pencilled in cash increases of 3½ per cent per year. Two problems now have to be faced: whether the inflation forecasts are still realistic, since sterling's effective exchange rate has subsequently fallen 14 per cent; and whether the detail of the spending plans makes a "real" standstill credible anyway.

Because the downward path for inflation illustrated in last year's strategy was so shallow, the Chancellor cannot afford to adjust it upwards without sounding the alarm for another, and much more fundamental U-turn. Of course, today's exchange rate does not dictate its level in 1987-88; meanwhile its fall so far has not yet undermined Mr Lawson's control of inflation. Yet there are ways in which a falling exchange rate has already directly put pressure on public spending programmes, notably defence; together with general suspicions about cost pressures, this means that Tuesday's public spending plans must be more than usually robust.

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Edwardes under pressure to forfeit Dunlop share option

Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of Dunlop Holdings, and his two executive directors, are to be asked to forfeit their lucrative share option scheme and the rights to existing small investments.

The request will be made tomorrow by the Dunlop Shareholders Association at a crucial meeting with the board. In return the association will offer its support to Sir Michael as he tries to fight off last week's £33 million takeover bid from BTR.

Over the weekend, Sir Michael and his two colleagues announced that they had temporarily given up their option rights granted to them by the group's bankers as an incentive to restore Dunlop's fortunes. But the association wants them to relinquish them permanently.

Sir Michael had said that in the light of Dunlop's present share price the banks would be relieved of their obligation to offer the options until the present uncertainties had been resolved and that the arrangements would be reviewed at a later date.

The share option scheme attracted a great deal of criticism when it was revealed as part of Dunlop's rescue package, which was unveiled last week.

Under the scheme, it was proposed that the three executive directors would have the option to purchase, from 1987 onwards, 47 million shares, equivalent to 5 per cent of Dunlop's proposed enlarged capital, from the banks at a price of 14p a share.

Sir Michael was entitled to an option of 21 million shares and at Dunlop's present price of 36p this represented a notional profit of more than £4 million, although this figure reduces to a net profit of around £1.4 million after allowing for the rights attaching to the shares.

The Dunlop Shareholders Association suggested some weeks ago that the options be assigned to small investors as compensation for the massive dilution of their investment as a result of the proposed capital reconstruction. The idea was rejected.

However, the bid by BTR has forced a review of the position. The support of small shareholders is essential for Sir Michael and he may be forced to offer the association concessions, including the share option scheme, to win its backing.

Professor Robert Pritchard, spokesman for the association was called from his Leicestershire home on Friday by the company to discuss BTR's bid. After that meeting with the Dunlop board, he dismissed the offer from BTR, which values Dunlop's shares at 23p underwritten by a cash alternative of 30p, as totally unsatisfactory.

Appearing on Channel Four's *The Business Programme*, yesterday, he said: "Despite all its tribulations, Dunlop is a company with a turnover of £1 billion, it has a current trading profit of £50 million, for the first time in a decade it has a board in whom we have some confidence, and in those terms, we consider that to offer £33 million is little short of piracy."

Professor Pritchard is still keen to obtain the best deal possible for existing shareholders and would like to strike that deal with Sir Michael, who he believes has the ability to restore Dunlop's financial health.

Wembley final for Gomba

Meetings to finalize Mr Abdul Shamji's control of Wembley Stadium, are scheduled for today. Mr John Silkin, the Labour MP and a member of the consortium originally planning to transform Wembley in a £300 million scheme, will cease to be involved.

Mr Shamji's private company, Gomba Holdings, now has an 85 per cent stake in LLAC, the ultimate holding company for Wembley. The minority is held by a group of shareholders which includes two consortium members, Mr Jarvis Astaire, who has interests in television sports, and Mr Harry Goodman, chairman of Intasun, the tour operator.

LLAC owns 78 per cent of Arena Holdings, with Mr Astaire and Mr Jarvis having the rest. Arena Holdings in turn owns 51.6 per cent of Arena Ltd, with British Electric Traction owning the rest.

BET sold part of its interest in Wembley Stadium to Arena for £25 million and has an agreement to receive a share of any profits arising from its development. Arena Ltd owns 100 per cent of Wembley Stadium Ltd.

Mr Shamji bought the Wembley International Hotel, with a parcel of other properties, for £7 million last year and has transferred them to LLAC at the moment. Retailing on the other hand, could present profitable opportunities, especially if a Sunday market is allowed.

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Protection plan delay

The White Paper on investor protection is due out in about a fortnight - two months later than expected. To be called *The Finance White Paper*, it should be the most significant proposed legislation to protect investors for more than 50 years.

Observers will be keen to see whether the Government has resolved the sharp division of opinion as to whether the City should be governed by two self-regulatory bodies, or one. A single authority, one step down from the Department of Trade and Industry, would be tantamount to creating an American-style Securities and Exchange Commission.

Department of Trade sources indicate that the White Paper will also deal with rules governing membership of the Stock Exchange.

Hanson holding

Hanson Trust is believed to have built up a holding, possibly as much as 4 per cent, in Courtauld's, the textile group. The holding will prompt speculation that Courtauld's, whose profit growth may be slowing down, could be Lord Hanson's next big bid target.

Banker resigns

Mr Charles Williams, the managing director of the merchant bank, Henry Ansbacher, has resigned. Yesterday Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, chairman of Ansbacher, said Mr Williams wished to pursue his own business interests. Mr Richard Fomals, who is joining Ansbacher from Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, will become executive chairman.

Jaguar record

Worldwide sales of Jaguar cars reached a record 33,424 vehicles in 1984, a 14.6 per cent up on the 29,175 sold during 1983. Record sales were also reported from the United States, Canada and Germany.

China trade

China's foreign trade last year rose to a record \$50 billion, compared with a total import-export volume of \$40.14 billion in 1983, it was officially announced in Peking.

Renault report

The French Prime Minister, M. Laurent Fabius, is planning to replace M Bernard Hanon, chairman of the state-owned car company, Renault, according to a French newspaper report. The company lost Fr 9 billion (£800 million) last year, five times the 1983 figure.

Lloyds' high-interest cheque account

Lloyds Bank is introducing a new high interest cheque account and improving other savings accounts as part of a promotional drive ahead of the introduction of composite rate tax.

From April 6, all banks will have to deduct tax at source from the interest paid to depositors as building societies already do. The banks have been gearing up for this change, which will highlight the low return they have traditionally offered to savers, by introducing more attractive types of savings accounts for customers.

APPOINTMENTS

Tarmac Regional Construction has joined the board as sales director; Mr Steve Reding has been appointed a director. Offshore Production Systems Underwoods: Mr Richard Bett becomes deputy managing director and Mr Dennis Casey has been made managing director.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS	BOARD MEETINGS
FT Ind Ord 1004.4 (+38.1)	TODAY - Interims: John Beales, Capital TV Facilities, Real Time Control and Restmor Group. Finals: Brooke Tool Engineering Holdings and Evoque Group.
FT-A All Shares 614.98 (+2.31)	TOMORROW - Interims: Barrie Investments and Finance, F Copson, Energy Resources and Services, Hampson Industries, Mercantile House, Owen and Robinson, Parkside Hides, Scottish, England and European Textiles, Stone International, Transcontinental Services Group and United Packaging. Finals: Crescent Japan Textiles, Heat Precision Engineering, Kunick Leisure, Lincoff Kilgour Group and Norfolk Capital Group.
FT Govt Securities 80.06 (+0.89)	WEDNESDAY - Interims: Caledonian Associated Cinemas, D F Bevan, Higgs Estates, Property Investment, A and J Gelfer, Park Food Group, Racial Electronics, J Saville Gordon, Somportex Holdings, Stewart Plastics and Union Cardale Corp. (quarantary). Finals: Anglia Television, Bootham Engineers, First National Finance Corp, First National Securities (Higgs) and Lankers.
FT-SE 100 1277.9 (+28.3)	THURSDAY - Interims: Fitch Lovell, Global Group, Hallite, Kenyon Securities, McKay Securities, Louis Newmark, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers (third quarter), Property Security Investment Trust and Stroud Riley Drummond Group. Finals: Allied Textile, Camford Engineering, Ceams, Electric Dairy Trust, KLP Group and St Andrew Trust.
Bargains: 26,509	FRIDAY - Interims: Cantors, Neapensard and Wholesale Filtings. Finals: Associated Energy Services, Commercial Bank, Welton, Edinburgh American Assets Trust, and Ruco Estates Holdings.
Datastream USM 106.10 (+0.28)	
New York Dow Jones 1227.36 (+9.27)	
Tokyo Nikkei Dow 11,910.06 (+97.82)	
Hong Kong Hang Seng 13,60.33 (+7.6)	
Amsterdam 120.44 (+1.6)	
Sydney: AO 746.4 (+15.9)	
Frankfurt Commerzbank 1187.9	
CURRENCIES	INTEREST RATES
Friday's close and change on week	London: Bank Base: 12% 3-month Interbank: 12½/12 3-month eligible bills 11½-11¾ buying rate US: Prime Rate: 10.50% Federal Funds: 7¼% 3-month Treasury Bills: 7.73-7.69% Long bond: 102½-102¾

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Westland plc

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Lord Aldington

- There is no reason to alter our estimate of the market for our helicopters in the 1990s and we foresee a steady load on our factories for the rest of the '80s, but at a lower level than we expected a year ago, and still subject to the successful completion of the negotiations for the sale of Westland 30s in India.
- During the year the company's capability to seize future opportunities in the helicopter markets of the world was considerably reinforced - both in production facilities and in experience of civil market requirements.
- The unhappy state of the world helicopter market is short term: it does not affect the prospects for EH 101.
- The shortage of orders for new helicopters leads inevitably to additional orders for spares and other support. We expect our turnover for product support of helicopters to be around £100m in each of the next two years, as compared with £23m in 1983/84.
- Investment in helicopter design and manufacturing is a long-term investment.
- The exceptional provision of £14m has been made in view of the present market conditions for civil helicopters.
- The profit of the Technologies Group increased by 42%.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Year to September 1984	Year to September 1983
Turnover	£296m	£326m
Research, development and launching costs - net of launch aid	£19m	£18m
Profit after interest before exceptional item and tax	£17m	£26m
Exceptional provision	£14m	-
Extraordinary items	£6m	£1m
Profit/(Loss) attributable to shareholders	£5m	£18m
Dividends per share	8.25p	8.25p
Shareholders' funds	£125m	£137m

Copies of the Annual Report and Westland Review can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Yeovil.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Begin, Today. Dealings End, Jan 25. Contango Day, Jan 28. Settlement Day, Feb 4. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days. (Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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FOODS table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, Gross Div. Lists various food companies.

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, Gross Div. Lists companies in chemicals and plastics.

CINEMAS AND TV table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, Gross Div. Lists companies in cinemas and TV.

DRAPERY AND STORES table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Yield, Gross Div. Lists various drapery and store companies.

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TEMPUS

Gilt-edged: sterling slide prompts long-dated tap

Mid-afternoon last Monday was part of just another day for 99 per cent of the population...

index-linked stocks, whose range of maturities now stretch as far as 2020.

have the market believe. The fundamentals look patchy. Yet another confession of FSB's overshooting last week...

ORDINARY SHARES A rosier light falls on Fleet Street

Last week's sudden flurry of paper the Annual in the shares of Fleet Holdings has underlined the attractions of the newspaper sector in the stock market.

The measure of the difference is that Reuters shares sell for the equivalent of 30 years' earnings while Fleet is on a multiple of 17 and Associated only 11.

RUGBY UNION A formula for avoiding an international whitewash

The postponement of both five nations championship games at the weekend may be the greatest point to the Rugby Football Union's wish that the championship should be held later in the season.

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent match, if required, so that all the competitive rugby in the country would be played on the same day.

the game was off. The snow promptly turned to sleet, then to rain and the hotels crammed, decreasing the amount of snow on the covers and the north and south terraces that workmen would have had to clear.

Cusworth decides to run the show Moon and Andrew shine bright

Leicester... Bedford... Weightier matters, in the shape of approaching John Player Special Cup ties, did not deter these two clubs from offering an entertaining game at Welford Road on Saturday.



By Nicholas Keith Nottingham... Rosslyn Park... Alan Davies, Nottingham's youthful Welsh coach, talks a good game of rugby and he was in full flow after this rousing performance.

Cusworth: attacking variations

Leicester also adopted one of rugby's eternal virtues, subscribed to generously by New Zealanders and Australians but frequently offered only lip service in Britain.

With Dodge, England's captain, a spectator on the terrace, Woodward nursing his damaged toe and the field around half time to have a gashed forehead stitched.

Cusworth himself popped over just after the interval, then sent Evans in on the blind side of the scrum and finally made a try for Richards, the No 8, who, in the view of at least several Leicester officials, is now worth another look from England's selectors.

SCOTLAND: Leinster: Tries: Evans (8), Cusworth, Richards; Conversions: Hays (2), Leinster; W. Hays, B. Evans, G. Robb, v. Africa; K. Williams, C. Gurney, S. Kennedy, R. Griffin, W. Richardson, J. Wallis, M. Joyce, M. Foulkes-Arnott, I. Smith (capt), D. Richards.

Tukalo and Murray high on selectors' list Outside them stepped neatly inside Bianchi to score. Glass converted.

With time running out France attacked from inside their own 22. Tukalo flipped a pass up to Glass, who fed Hastings for the try, which Glass again converted.

When the Scottish pick their team to face Ireland, Tukalo and Murray will feature high on the list. Murray would suffer up the middle.

FRANCE: B. Evans (8), Cusworth, Richards; Conversions: Hays (2), Leinster; W. Hays, B. Evans, G. Robb, v. Africa; K. Williams, C. Gurney, S. Kennedy, R. Griffin, W. Richardson, J. Wallis, M. Joyce, M. Foulkes-Arnott, I. Smith (capt), D. Richards.

Albion warm to Cup task Lack of match practice has been a bugbear for the clubs involved in the third round of the John Player Cup since Saturday.

Berry Hill, the Forest of Dean side, who travel to meet Bath, the holders, have not played since December 29. They have been training twice a week in a school gymnasium but go to Kingsholm today for straggling practice against the Gloucester pack.

Weekend results 'B' INTERNATIONAL Scotland 21, France 12. CLUB MATCHES Bournemouth 34, Charlton 0. Edinburgh Athletic 28, Brighton Park 0. Hereford 10, Kato 10. Hereford 10, Kato 10. Hereford 10, Kato 10.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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USM REVIEW

Corton set for unique hat-trick From full listing to the over-the-counter market and then on to the Unlisted Securities Market.

An obscure little company called Corton Beach is set to complete such a unique hat-trick when dealings in its shares start on the USM in the summer.

Behind the company is Mr Mike Keen, aged 44, an ambitious entrepreneur who helped bring Bensons Crisps to the USM.

He descended on Corton Beach in March last year. Then the company had just £100,000 in the bank, the residue from its fully listed days, and 500 shareholders.

Corton was, in effect, a casualty of the bull market of the late 1960s. At that time it ran an undistinguished holiday camp in East Anglia.

The along came Mr Keen who was seeking a new vehicle after his stint at Bensons. He acquired 29.9 per cent of the capital at 4 1/4p a share and two weeks after he moved in, dealings started on the Harvard Securities over-the-counter market at 12p a share.

Nowadays Corton, with an over-the-counter price of 26p, has speciality food, leisure and garage interests. It has just completed deals potentially worth £1.5 million, taking over a car dealer and a video library and amusement centre operator.

These transactions lift Corton's yearly turnover to about £7.5 million.

Business Expansion Scheme companies are calling more and more cash from investors. At the moment they are denied a USM presence but there are rumblings that such a situation may be changed shortly.

Two BES companies are asking for funds this week. The Snowdon Mountain Railway, which has been chugging up and down Snowdon since 1896, is seeking £680,000 by offering shares at 80p each.

Guidedhouse Group, the investment adviser, is selling up to 700,000 shares at 60p each in Connoisseur Wines, a London-based shipper and distributor.

COMPANY NEWS

THOMAS BORTHWICK AND SONS: The chairman says that present year has started well. An early season in New Zealand and stable relationships with the unions produced conditions favourable to the company's work and trading forecasts are encouraging.

MIDSUMMER INNS: Eight months to Sept 30, compared with previous year. Div. 2p (2.3p). Figs. 23,000. Turnover £10.1 (11.0). Operating profit 56p (66p). Pretax profit 278p (44p). EPS 36p (6.4p).

FENNINE RESOURCES: Half-year to Sept 30. Figs. in £000. Turnover 114 (5). Trading loss 411 (loss 270). Loss before and after tax, (£173.4). Pretax profit 953,089 (£184,378) after interest payable.

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FOOTBALL: TIME FOR ANOTHER LOOK AT THE CHESTER PLAN

Thaw will not wash away problems

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Once the temperature drops, the snowflakes fall and the frost bites, the Canon League's machinery all but grinds to a halt. The English traffic jam grows heavier and the fear of potential chaos grows stronger on Saturday as another 33 postponed fixtures were piled into the already overloaded programme that stretches across the next four months.

Rangers' is too artificial - so to speak - and another, underoil heating can be fallible.

Arsenal's system, for example, has failed to save their last two appointments at Highbury. Peter Robinson, Liverpool's secretary, believes that "all the top clubs should have underoil heating. I can accept that the smaller clubs cannot afford it but those that can and haven't installed it have, I think, been very shortsighted."

was worth the expense. Their electric blanket at Malne Road cost £60,000 and their victory on Saturday over Wimbledon lifted them up into third place. They also had to pay Plymouth Argyle £15,000 for selecting Phillips for its 25th time since signing him from the West Country club. At least he scored.

The attendances at Leeds United and Middlesbrough would suggest that it might not be worth the trouble. It is understandable that many find the prospect of travelling across the Arctic landscape and standing for a couple of hours in numbing cold less than appealing. In such temperatures, even if the pitch is green and perfect, the conditions are often as uncomfortable for the spectators as they are for the players.

rather than an increase in coverage.

The chairman in particular are deservedly not renowned for their collective wisdom. In listening to the roar of the commercial jungle, they failed to hear Sir Norman Chester's voice of reason three years ago. Had they done so, the League would now be in a healthier state, instead of forever by cutting the first and second division, fixture congestion would instantly be eased. The bigger clubs that remain, instead of leaning heavily on such beneficiaries as television, would receive a larger share of the profits, and the smaller clubs, instead of forever fighting for survival, would enjoy a more peaceful existence among the part-timers.

SKIING Lauberhorn double for Austrian team

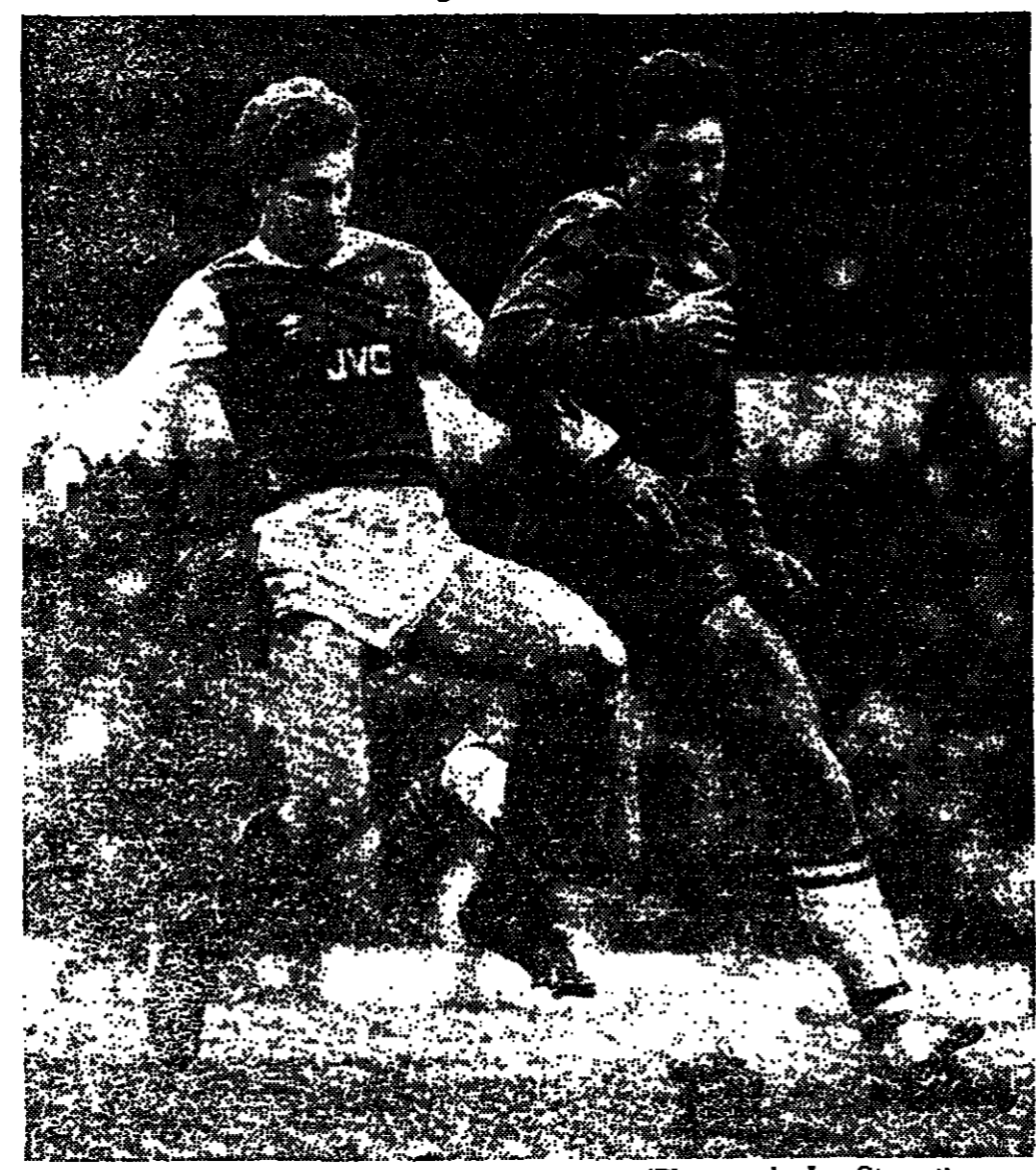
Wengen, Switzerland (Reuters) - Peter Wirnsberger gave Austria their second consecutive victory on the Lauberhorn course here yesterday. Wirnsberger, whose season has been rewarded by three first place finishes and a sixth to four downhill, finished ahead of two Swiss skiers, Peter Luescher, who won in his last World Cup season, and Peter Müller.

BADMINTON Miss Troke's tactic floors Danish No 1

England's recent run of success in the Taipei Masters shows no sign of ending. Yesterday, Helen Troke, the European champion, won the women's singles title by defeating world grand prix titles and Steve Baddeley, England's joint No. 1, reached the semi-finals for the second week in a row. Baddeley's performance that makes it almost certain that he will be in the top six when the first grand prix points table is published after Tokyo next week.

Speedie completes second rescue act

Chelsea.....1 Arsenal.....1 Considering the effort Chelsea had put in to make this the only Canon League match played in the south of England, not to mention the expense, it seemed almost curiously of Arsenal to be on the verge of winning it.



Woodcock gets the elbow from McLaughlin (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Late Rush perks up a pedestrian affair

Liverpool.....4 Norwich City.....0 In the last few minutes of the match, the Liverpool players were perkier than any they had been in some time. The late rush perks up a pedestrian affair.

McDougall puts paid to Rangers

Refreshed by a break in the sunshine in Egypt, Aberdeen returned to win their first home game since they were relegated to the second division. McDougall puts paid to Rangers.

Villa in the sun but City get a tanning

As Highfield Road reverberated again to the unrestrained din of a local derby, after the barren silence of the replayed midweek FA Cup tie between Burton and Leicester. It is impossible to ignore the curious ways football has of dishing out its rewards.

NORDIC SKIING Two golds go to Norway

Innsbruck (Agencies) - Per Bergerud won the 90 metres jump at the World Cup ski jumping competition here yesterday to become the first Norwegian to win a world championship event since 1956. Bergerud collected a total 224.2 points after leaps of 110 and 106 metres.

SWIMMING Buswell books his ticket to Sofia

The eight members of England's Yorkshire Bank swimmers surprised themselves admirably at the Golden Cup meeting in Strasbourg over the weekend. They won three gold, three silver, and two bronze medals and although the general level of performance was understandably mediocre for the first long-course meeting of the year, the British contingent can draw considerable satisfaction from the competitors who finished behind them.

Death of sports feature writer

Terry McNeill, sports feature writer of 1984, died in Cardiff, Wales, on Saturday, at the home in which he had just moved (Malcolm Winton writes). He was a good and fair journalist in a category of mass circulation writing in which he was under great pressure, to be neither. And he had the gift of being able to move in the harsh and increasingly cruel world he wrote about without ever becoming bitter or cruel himself.

Second division

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Third division

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Fourth division

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Scottish premier division

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GYMNASTICS Morris still the cream after successive wins

Andrew Morris, the British champion, took the men's title for the third year running at the Gold Top Champions Cup at the Albers Hall on Saturday. As last year, Morris won by a narrow margin over his nearest rival, Keith Langley with Barry Whith third again.

Leading scorers

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RACING: 1985 WILL BE FORMER CHAMPION'S FAREWELL

Piggott steps down from saddle at season's end

By Michael Seely
Lester Piggott confirmed on Saturday night that his glittering career in the saddle will end at Doncaster on November 9, four days after the 11-times champion jockey's fiftieth birthday.



Piggott: looking forward to new career as a trainer

During his legendary 36-year career, Piggott's genius has never been more apparent than it was in 1984. He equalled Frank Buckle's all-time record of 27 classic victories when winning his sixth Oaks on Circus Plume passed that total when showing immense strength and determination on Connacche Run in the St Leger.

His tactical sense and keen intelligence have never been more in evidence than when claiming his seventh King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on Tenso.

Piggott has ridden 4,315 winners, a total which has only been surpassed by Sir Gordon Richards, who was champion 26 times and rode 4,870 winners between 1921 and 1954.

Piggott's decision to call it a day when still at the height of his powers must be applauded. For more than a quarter of a century this single-minded and enigmatic character has dominated the racing scene.

First came the years with Sir Noel Murless and the association with such good horses as Crepello, St Paddy and Petite Etoile. Then followed the golden era of Piggott's partnership with Vincent O'Brien, which yielded Derby victories on Sir Ivor, Nijinsky, Roberto and the Minstrel, two Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Alleged and many other classic and big-race successes.

His decision to go freelance in 1966 shocked the racing world but has undoubtedly paid dividends and enabled him to accumulate a fortune. He was the first of the modern breed of sportsman in racing to use his talent to every financial advantage.

Whatever success he may enjoy in his new role as trainer, the daily scene will be the drabber for his departure. I have said it before and make no apologies for repeating it now. Watch Lester Piggott as closely as you can during 1985; you will never see his like again.

ATHLETICS



Sterling silver: Heather Oakes (left) just fails to beat Silke Gladisch in the 60 metres final

Promise fulfilled as British trio shine on the world stage

Many people wished that the fresh falls of snow here in Paris yesterday could have covered all aspects of the World Indoor Games of the previous two days. As an international competition it barely came up to standard. But there was much to praise for British athletics from the performances of Alex Mafe, Todd Bennett and Jonathan Ridgeon, who between them gained the two silver and one bronze medals that was half the team tally.

FINALS RESULTS FROM PARIS

Men's finals
200 METRES: 1. A Evgenyev (USSR), 20.85; 2. A Mafe (GB), 20.96; 3. J S Egan (Ire), 21.10; 4. J Schellenke (GER), 21.15; 5. M Rowe (USA), 21.20; 6. S Brown (GB), 21.25; 7. C Trabello (ESP), 21.30; 8. J Conner (GB), 21.35; 9. J Bay (GB), 21.40; 10. J Smith (AUS), 21.45.

McLeod disappointed by his success

By David Powell
Mike McLeod's victory in the Inter-Countries cross-country championship at Leicester on Saturday may not have been as emphatic as he would like. He was disappointed to see his place in the National World Cup team, but the Olympic silver medal winner seems likely to have another of his wishes granted by the selectors.

Concessions on prime-time finals possible

The International Amateur Athletic Federation may be prepared to concede to some athletics finals in the morning at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. At the IAAF World Cup in London last Christmas, Primo Nebiolo, the president, was adamant that they and the International Olympic Committee should not bow to American television pressure to hold morning finals in South Korea, in order to fit in with United States "prime-time" transmissions (Pat Butcher writes).

Table Tennis

Douglas is hoping to get the formula right in time for the World Championships starting in Gothenburg in 10 weeks' time. He will be the linchpin of the England side which, along with the squad for the Commonwealth Championships in the Isle of Man in March, will be named today.

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Forgive N' Forget in line for Doncaster

By Michael Seely
Lester Piggott was not the only racing man found for the Doncaster line. Before departing for Antigua, Jimmy Fitzgerald said from Yorkshire: "If racing is possible at Doncaster next Saturday, Forgive N' Forget will be a genuine representative in the William Hill Yorkshire Chase and not Harry Duggan. I worked him on the sands of Filey yesterday. He went tremendously well and is jumping out of his skin."

Nottingham confident of restart

Nottingham has a good chance of getting racing's show back on the road tomorrow after a 13-day break. Following a 12.30 inspection yesterday, David Henson, the clerk of the course, said: "There is some snow on the course but the ground is completely free of frost at present. The forecast is for milder weather and I am therefore optimistic that we will be able to race."

Aonoch's career is cut short

By John Karter
Aonoch, one of last season's leading novice hurriers, is definitely out for the season and is unlikely to race again. Jimmy Duggan, the young Irish apprentice whose number, Elizabeth, owns Aonoch, has revealed that the six-year-old, who was regarded as a genuine Champion Hurdle prospect, is undergoing tests at Bristol University.

Case for Dog Race Betting Levy Board

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in an extra 10p in betting duty. Of this, 8p goes to the Customs and Excise and 2p goes to the Dog Race Betting Levy Board. The levy is a 10p increase on the 10p currently levied on bets placed on dog races.

Racing's bone of contention

Hands up everyone who thought that the first half of the racing this weekend. Hands down, everyone. You are all wrong, and you have upset a lot of people by being wrong, too. There has been loads of racing. They ran in their hordes. They went at Catford, at Crayford, at Gosforth and Hove, they went at Romford, Slough, Walthamstow and Wimbledon, they went at Wembley, they went at Hackney - they went all over the place.

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just like to be treated in the same way as the horse racing, and to receive the same kind of levy. The situation is yet more flagrantly unfair because greyhound racing is a struggling sport these days. As with most spectator sports, audiences are falling off. Most tracks were built 50 years ago on the edge of towns. They have become desirable inner city sites as the towns have grown around them - and naturally many people wish to cash in on this. Six tracks have closed in the past year.

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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

The race to skim the cream

Edward Fennell writes about the Milk Round

"If its January it must be the milk round. If it's Monday it must be Bath."

This is the season which personnel managers and recruitment officers dread: the exhausting annual whirlwind tour of the nation's universities and polytechnics to see what talent is on offer among final year students.

The gruelling race for the cream of the graduates starts in mid-January and is sustained until the end of March. It is the key period for companies to make contact with potential recruits and is one of the great institutions on the graduate employment scene.

But for students and interviewees alike it has become a nerve-racking, nail-biting event - more an obstacle course than a primrose path to success. In both intensity and scale the milk round has grown to the point where one question whether it can bear any further strain. For example, the bigger employers are now cramming between 50 and 60 institutions into their schedules. And students are often putting in so many milk round applications that they are in danger of suffering interview fatigue by Easter.

What was once a good opportunity for employers and applicants to get together on campus has now become a gigantic tripwire set up within the college precincts to stop the wrong kind of candidate getting too far into the costly and elaborate selection procedure.

The hopeless are never seen

"Yes, the milk round has both a 'come-on' and a 'push-off' effect," said one major employer. "We go out to the institutions to attract interest from good candidates but also to weed out the weak ones as soon as possible."

Most graduate recruiters now use a paper pre-selection system so that the really hopeless candidates are identified before they are seen. The criteria for rejection will vary according to the employer. "We only reject those who are studying the wrong subjects, or are doing ordinary rather than honours degrees, or are overseas students who don't have work permits," said Terry Cooper of British Telecoms Research and Development Division, which is one of the most important large-scale employers of engineering and computing staff.

Other organizations are less liberal. At Glaxo, for example, about one half of the milk round applicants are rejected before even reaching the interview room.

"Our milk round interviews are a

major element within the selection process," said graduate recruiter Roger Jones. "We give each interviewee 45 minutes during which time we mostly discuss their scientific discipline. If they manage to get through that and on to the next stage they've got a fifty-fifty chance of a job offer."

For a company like Glaxo which has well-defined needs for specific types of scientist, the milk round has become a finely-tuned exercise focussed on 16 carefully chosen institutions (all universities) which are reckoned to produce the right kind of applicant. Although candidates are welcomed from other colleges Glaxo found last year, for instance, that the people to whom they offered jobs were predominantly from their Milk Round visits. While a poly applicant would not be rejected as such the company is honest (and hard-nosed) enough to admit that the polytechnics rarely produce graduates of the right calibre.

At C & A the recruiters are also selective, visiting only those institutions which have produced high grade recruits in the past or whom whom good ties have been established over the years. Although they have hundreds of candidates for each graduate vacancy they still see the milk round as a good way to make direct contact quickly with those applicants who are most likely to be successful.

At Marks and Spencer, by contrast, there are no particular preferences for institution. More than 50 are visited with a view to spreading the net as widely as possible. Nonetheless there is heavy pre-selection and performance in the milk round is a major step towards a job offer.

"We're interested in people who present themselves in a businesslike way, who are well prepared, are positively motivated towards working for M & S, and who can demonstrate that they have something to offer," the company says. Although applicants still have a long way to go from milk round to final selection those who are successful in the first stage at least know that they are on the right lines.

Meanwhile at Unilever, which visits 40 colleges, a number of applicants are rejected at the pre-selection and milk round stages, but the real tests are at the later selection boards. In other words there are no congratulations due simply for getting through the milk round itself.

Employers' motives for participating in this great round Britain tour vary from straightforward necessity through to subtle public relations.

For those like M & S and British Telecom, who are in the market each year for hundreds of graduates, it represents the best and most economic way to process thousands of applicants. Although it involves deploying scores of line-managers and personnel staff to wade through the mountains of paper and then conduct the interviews (all BT interviewing staff are specially trained and tested) there is felt to be no viable alternative.

Other companies, perhaps with smaller needs, see the milk round as a good shop-window for their corporate identity and form of long-term investment. They may only recruit a tiny fraction of the people they see but by making a favourable impression on the managers and decision-makers of the future they feel they are creating good-will which will pay off later.

Certainly the milk round can be a neat way to boost a firm's public image. Tesco's, for example, haven't got much of a graduate catchet but this year are participating in the milk round for the first time with a view to making a more up market impression.

Time to change our profile

"In the graduate field we've traditionally had a lower profile than Sainsbury's or M & S," said Tesco's "but the time has now come to change this. Getting involved in the milk round is a major step in that direction. Some graduates we want to recruit now - especially those with qualifications in town planning, urban geography, and statistics for our site planning research department. But other people we may want to recruit later, at the middle-management stage, when they've gained some experience elsewhere. So now's the opportunity to introduce ourselves to them."

If you intend to get involved in the milk round over the next few months then approach it properly. In particular:

- 1. Prepare fully. 2. Take the interview just as seriously as you would one on an employer's premises. 3. Be well-turned out and carefully presented. 4. Don't apply at random to too many companies; concentrate your applications and make every one count. 5. Use it as your chance to probe the employers - after all you are selecting them just as much as they are selecting you.

Educational

CRUCIAL EXAMS IN 1985? GCE 'O' or 'A' Level? Applying for University? Now is the time to contact us for expert assessment and guidance.

MATHS TUTOR Independent sixth form college requires part-time maths tutor for individual teaching of 'A' and 'O' level students for June exams.

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THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE Offers a unique educational and cultural experience. Expert tuition in the Italian language and the Florence experience.

SHORT Intensive Typewriting Full time day only. Beginners: Start Feb 4, March 4. Postscript/Word/Speed development any Monday.

University of Warwick CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL HISTORY The Centre for the Study of Social History offers a one year M.A. course in Anglo-American Literary History.

Prepare for GCE/O'level Exams in Cambridge for 2 year courses + 1 term re-take course commencing throughout year.

English Language Tutors required Applicable Academic staff have some vacancies for roles next year to teach & supervise visiting French students, age 11-18, as follows:

Trinity College of Music VICE PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF STUDIES The College will shortly appoint a Vice-Principal and Director of Studies (combined post) to take up office in September 1985.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BRISTOL HEADSHIP Applications are invited for this post which will become vacant in September, 1985.

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Scholarships BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXFORD proposes to elect one or more Senior Fiddian Scholars from October 1985.

TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP School leavers desirous of improving their knowledge of a foreign language should apply for a Travelling Scholarship.

CHIROPY AS A PROFESSION The demand for the trained man or woman chiropodist in the private sector is increasing.

Educational

Prep & Public Schools

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL Berkshire BURSAR The Governors are inviting applications for the post of Bursar at St Joseph's Convent independent day school for girls.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Applications are invited for the post of BURSAR which will become vacant on 1 July 1985.

Denstone College The College will have a vacancy in September, 1985, for Head of Department, GEOGRAPHY on the retirement of the present Head.

Leelands School Grams Rd, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7NU HEAD Required to take over from Headmaster who is leaving August 1985.

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ASCOT BURSAR The Governing Body of St. Mary's School, Ascot, an independent P.C. Boarding School for 800 girls, invite applications for the post of Bursar.

REPTON SCHOOL, DERBYSHIRE DEPUTY HEADSHIP of Repton School, following the appointment of Mr John Filday as Headmaster of the school.

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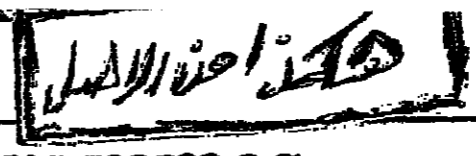
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Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1
8.00 Good Morning Britain, News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

TV-am
8.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 8.30, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.



Judy Holiday: Born Yesterday (BBC 2, 6.00pm)

CHOICE
Cooks had to be put through this mangle, but in tonight's film, he is in charge of HMS Warship, sister submarine to HMS Conqueror.

CHOICE
I have only just caught up with SUBMARINE (BBC 1, 7.40pm), and could kick myself for having let the first two films in Jonathan Crane's series get by me.

CHOICE
Story time: "The Greatest Man in the World". A short story by James Thurmer, read by Kerry.

Radio 3
6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.05 Morning Concert: Muffat's Concerto in D minor (Bona Nova).

Radio 2
RADIO 2 On medium wave. I also VHF stereo. News on the hour. Headlines 8.20am, 8.30, 8.40 and 8.50. 9.00am.

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ITV/LONDON
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CHANNEL 4
2.30 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War. Part two of the series examining the war from both sides.

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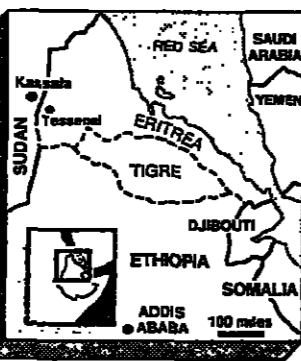
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Flooding risk as thaw sets in

By Tony Samstag
As the first cold spell of the winter subsided yesterday the thaw claimed its first victims and parts of Wales and the West country braced themselves for possible flooding.

Tigré guerrillas dice with death to save refugees
Famine relief under the cloak of night

By A Special Correspondent
Almost 100,000 Ethiopian refugees now crowd camps along the Sudanese border, their numbers growing by up to 3,000 a day.



Kinnock warns left MPs
Continued from page 1
The case for coal. He said that if the rebels consulted the average bus queue or even the average picket line they would find an understanding that "sideshows" did not help.

Village voice
Incident with ruffians, who are not what they seem

VICTOR ZORZA, a former Journalist of the Year who wrote a column on life in a poor Himalayan village for The Guardian and The Washington Post, is now writing a Monday series for The Times about the joys and sorrows of life in a village on the banks of the Ganges. Here he tells of two raids and the people's struggle to keep their land.



Mr Barth at his straw clinic. (Photographs: Herbie Knott)

Families cheated by the landlord
Rana replaced his spectacles, a dignified figure again, and led me in triumph through the village, in a clearing between the jungle and the Ganges, pointing out other fields out of which they had been cheated by the landlord.

Today's events

New Exhibitions
Secret Places and Intimate Landscapes: paintings from West Ross by James Hawkins. Torrance Gallery, Dundas Street, Edinburgh.

Cheltenham Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (until Feb 2)

MUSIC
Concert by Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra. Corn Exchange, Bedford 8.

Nature notes

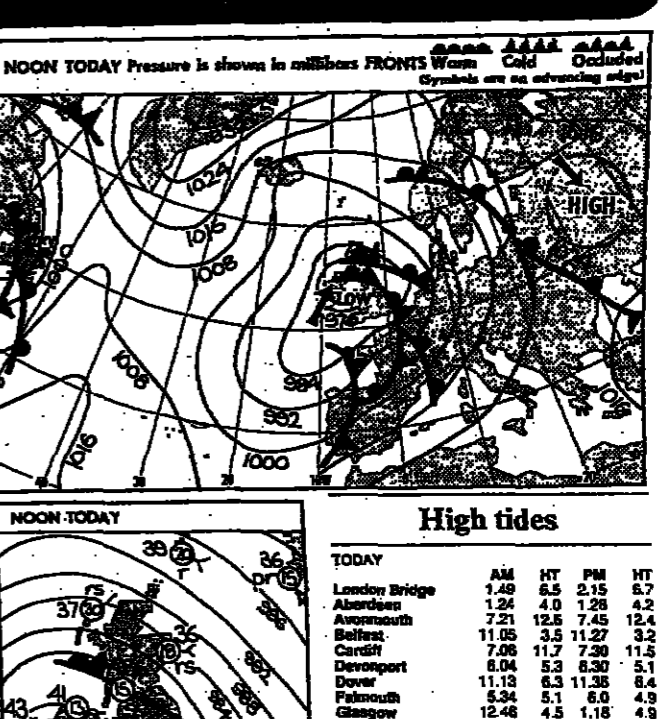
The thaw may have come just in time to save the lives of many birds. But there have been serious losses.

The pound

Table with exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, etc.

Weather forecast

A complex depression will move slowly N over Ireland with troughs of low pressure crossing all areas from the South-west.



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,640

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down sections.

Parliament today

Commons (12.30): Hong Kong Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

Deaths: Miles Coverdale, translator of the Bible, London, 1564.

The papers

"Just for once the Benn and Skinner boomer boys are right," says the Daily Mirror.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations.

Portfolio

published in The Times Portfolio by which we appear on the Stock Exchange Price page.

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions for various locations yesterday.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions for various locations around Britain.

London

Table showing weather conditions for London.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations.